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This inventory of Madison County records constitutes a part of the general guide to the county archives of Indiana. It was prepared for the primary purpose of furnishing officials, students of history, and the citizens of the community with a convenient tool for their use in consulting the county records. It is hoped the information contained in these volumes will encourage county officials as well as the general public to take a greater interest in continued improvement of methods for preservation of public records. It is also hoped the information herein presented concerning the records, their present housing and care, and accommodations available for users, will prove to have value for the citizens and public officials.

This inventory of records was made during the period of March 27 to June 25, 1936, under supervision of Samuel J. Kagan, State Director; Mrs. Blanche McClung, District Supervisor; and Mrs. Hazel Roberts, Research Editor. The field workers were Lucille Flowers, William Ansberry, James Shetterley of Anderson and Hershell Nash of Muncie. Indispensable cooperation was received from all officials of the county and from the Works Progress Administration officials to make this survey successful.

It is our intention to present a complete, concise picture of the records in bibliographical form. This inventory is preceded by a number of introductory sections to enlighten the reader concerning facts forming the background and basis for the records. The entries of the inventory are carried in consecutive numbering for the county, while the bureaus are arranged in groups of governing boards; judicial, major administrative



offices, financial, educational, health, engineering, and miscellaneous. Where it is applicable, natural groupings under subject headings are made within the bureau, and the entries are arranged according to their functional sequence. A cross reference index following the inventory will help the reader locate records with the least effort.

Acknowledgment should go to the State office force of the Survey for checking, condensing, and compiling the Madison County Survey.

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## FOREWORD

A guide to county and township records in Indiana has long been needed by both local officials and the general public. The Works Progress Administration project of the Historical Records Survey is the first attempt to supply this need. Few more useful fields of employment could have been found than the survey of local and State historical records, even though the work inevitably presented unusual difficulties. The completion of the survey of historical records in Indiana is a source of genuine satisfaction.

We are indebted first of all to the Works Progress Administration for providing for the survey and financing it. The National Director of the project, Dr. Luther H. Evans, assured a fruitful product of the work by ably outlining it and drafting the forms to be used by the field workers so as to insure the greatest completeness with the least likelihood of errors. He and his assistants have done all that was possible for this nation-wide survey. Samuel J. Kagan, State Director of Indiana, deserves great credit for his energy and ability in organizing the office and field forces which have carried out the project. To assemble and organize more than one hundred and fifty persons in a new line of work in which there were very few local precedents, and to complete a survey of the county records in all the ninety-two counties, including the townships, at first, seemed almost impossible of accomplishment within a year. It has, however, been accomplished.

An advisory committee has helped guide work upon the project; though



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no meetings were held, its members in many instances working on their own.  
A word of appreciation must be recorded here for the county officers  
who courteously gave the representatives of the survey access to the  
records in their offices and cooperated in the making of the survey.  
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## HISTORY OF MADISON COUNTY

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Madison County lies slightly north and east of the center of the State, and is bounded by Grant County on the north, Delaware and Henry Counties on the east, Hancock County on the south, and Clinton and Hamilton Counties on the west. The topography of Madison County varies from partly undulating to level, with no hills of consequence except the upland bordering Fall Creek and White River. The largest trees in the State once grew in this area, some measuring ten feet in diameter.

The better to understand the history of present Madison County, it is advisable to review briefly the major events preceding its formation. The English founded Jamestown in 1607. The French settled at Quebec a year later and soon began to explore the unknown country to the west. La Salle, the French explorer, discovered the Niagara and Ohio Rivers. He descended the Mississippi River to its mouth and on April 8, 1682, claimed the entire valley in the name of France, calling it Louisiana. This, of course, included the present State of Indiana. By 1719, French traders had been established on the present sites of Fort Wayne and Vincennes. Rivalry between the French and English for territory combined with the Indians led to a series of battles known as the French and Indian War which ended with the signing of the Treaty of Paris, February 10, 1763. In this treaty Louisiana was given to



Great Britain. During the Revolutionary War these lands were ceded to Virginia and to the British in the West and in 1783, Virginia extended jurisdiction over the region north and west of the Ohio River, naming it Illinois County. In 1794, Virginia ceded these lands to the Federal Government, and three years later Congress made provision for their government, under the name of the Territory Northwest of the River Ohio. From this Territory, Indiana was organized December 10, 1800.

The first known inhabitants of Indiana were the Mound Builders. One of their most famous and best preserved earthworks in the State is located about three miles from Anderson.

The Indian history of the region comprising present Madison County is chiefly concerned with the Delaware tribe which migrated here from the east during the last half of the eighteenth century and was allowed possession of this land by the Miami tribe. The Delawares were outstanding among the red men in their pleasing appearance, in their friendliness and cooperative spirit, and in their domestic industry. General William Henry Harrison, after this tribe had been grossly abused by the whites on several occasions, was able to write: "A long and intimate knowledge of the Delawares in peace and war, as enemies and friends, has left upon my mind the most favorable impression of their character, for bravery, generosity, and fidelity to their engagements." And again another authority said of them, "So far from provoking quarrels with the whites they extended every friendly aid and comfort."







In 1481, a Delaware Indian village was established about two miles east of the site now occupied by Anderson. Years of mistreatment at the hands of the whites caused some Delawares to follow the "Prophet", a Shawnee Indian chief, in driving out these religious leaders in 1695. Captain Anderson of Milledown was then the Delawares' chief, and he lived where the city of Anderson now stands.

Under the ever increasing pressure of the white pioneers, the Delawares and other tribes still in the State sold the lands remaining to them to the United States Government in the Treaty of St. Louis, October 2-3, 1803. Their general cession was made November 22, 1801.

John Rogers of North Carolina was the first white man to settle in present Madison County. He came on December 23, 1803, and located a mile and a half east of where Lexington is now. Soon after Frederick Ironmeyer and Alex. Winsell moved in. In 1805, several families came from Ohio, Kentucky and Virginia.

On January 4, 1803, the organizing act for Madison County was passed, effective July 1st. The name honors James Madison (1751-1836), fourth President of the United States and sometimes called "Father of the Constitution". The original boundaries were given as follows: "beginning at the south west corner of the county of Henry, thence north with the line of the same, and to the township line dividing Henry and twenty one, north; thence west, to the north east corner of section five, in township twenty one, range six east; thence south twenty miles; thence west, to the north east corner of the county of Marion; thence south to the north west corner of Shelby;



county; thence east with the line of Henry county, made the north corner of said county; thence north with said county, to the north west corner of the same; thence east to the place of beginning." (Laws of Indiana, 1822-23, pp. 54-55).

On January 26, 1825 the north boundary was changed to "a line dividing townships eleven and nineteen...", thus greatly reducing the county's area. A further change was made January 26, 1827 as follows: "Beginning on the line dividing the counties of Henry and Madison, one mile south of where the line dividing townships eleven and eighteen crosses the said; thence north with said county line, to the line dividing townships twenty-two and twenty-three; thence west to the Miami reservation; thence south with the line of said reservation to the south east corner of the same; thence west until a line running south will strike the north east corner of Hamilton county; thence south with said county line to one mile south of the line dividing townships seventeen and eighteen; thence east to the place of beginning." (Laws of Indiana, 1826-27, p. 65.)

On February 10, 1831, the center section line of township 22 north was made the north boundary. The last alteration was made February 17, 1833 when section one of township 22 north was made the north boundary.

The organization was completed November 10, 1825 at the house of William McCartney in the settlement of Pendleton, when the governor's commissioners were presented to Moses Cox, clerk, and Samuel Cox, sheriff. The commissioners named for the purpose of locating the county seat had met September 1st, and accepted a site from John Henry near the intersection on White River. For some reason -- the records have



been lost -- this being a general understanding, and no further action was taken at that time.

A historic event occurred near Pendleton in February, 1824. Two friendly Indians with their families, loaded with the winter's catch of furs, were peacefully encamped, when four white men approached. They noticed the Indians and shot them, and then turned the guns on the children. The settlers feared Indian retaliation and promised legal punishment. The murderers were soon arrested. The leader, Harper, escaped, but the others were brought to trial and convicted. For this trial a new log building with two rooms was erected in the north part of Pendleton. The courtroom was 25 x 30 feet and had a heavy plank floor. This was the first courtroom in the county.

The legislature of 1825-26 revoked the decision of the first board of commissioners for locating the county seat, and named a second board. The second board, it is believed, chose Bedford, but this location proved unpopular, and yet another board was named January 23, 1827. This board accepted a site in Anderson, which (now Anderson) from John Derry in May 1827, and there the seat of justice has since remained.

The first courthouse, planned in 1826, was never built. In January 1831, a frame courthouse was ordered erected "on Lot 17, in the N.W. square...", a site known now as East 5th Street, between Main Street and Central Avenue. The first session of court held in this building was in May, 1833. A much larger courthouse was erected in the public square in 1835. One room of the new courthouse was used for the postoffice, and another was rented to the Masonic lodge until





about 1860. About 1870 a small brick building was erected in the southeast corner of the public square for the assessor, treasurer, and recorder.

On December 10, 1880, the courthouse, as well as many of the records, was destroyed by fire. Edwin P. Schlater was appointed special commissioner "to look after the damaged records." Quarters were rented in the Westersfield Block on North Main Street for the court, clerk, and sheriff. Later these offices were removed to the French & Doring Building on the north side of the square. Construction of the present courthouse was started in 1881 and finished in 1883. It is said to be adequate for the needs of the county for years to come.

The townships of Madison County are Adams, Anderson, Boone, Dutch Creek, Fall Creek, Greene, Jackson, LaFayette, Monroe, Pine Creek, Richland, Stony Creek, Union, and Van Buren. The county's population in 1930 was 62,686, nearly half of which lived in the county seat of Anderson. The other incorporated centers are Markleville, Woodlawn Heights, Mendleton, Ingalls, Frankton, Aladdin, Alexandria, Cinco, Crestes, Elwood, Lapel, Chesterfield, and Summitville.

With the fertile soil left by the glacial drift, with underlying mineral resources, stone and road-building materials, Madison County was naturally equipped for an important place in Indiana's history. Every stream waters its fields and furnishes natural drainage. White River flows for twenty miles through the county, with Fall Creek, Dutch Creek, Prairie Creek, and many small tributaries.

Agriculture was naturally the leading industry from the times of the first settlers to the discovery of natural gas, but there were signs of industrial activity from the beginning. Even in the earliest days





its water power turned into mills of various kinds -- saw mills, flour mills, woolen mills, tanneries, and distilleries. This first period ended with the Civil War.

The next phase began the establishment of factories along many diverse lines, such as agricultural implements, crushed stone for paving, pumps, furniture, and carriages. This period of industrial expansion continued from 1865 to 1907.

Fifty years ago natural gas was found near Anderson, the second well drilled in the State. For some years Madison was one of the largest oil and gas producing counties in the State. The gas flow ceased almost as quickly as it began, but the business activity which the boom started, furnished, in spite of its collapse, a permanent foundation for industry.

Manufacturing progressed rapidly. Nails, wire fencing, window and plate glass, decorative tile, straw board, tinplate, refrigerators, and automobiles are the chief products of today. These plants have been absorbed by the large national corporations, so that the county is, in many ways, a cross-section of the United States in the industrial field.

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Madison County, with its county seat at Anderson, is a political subdivision of the State of Indiana for administrative purposes, and holds, therefore, only such powers of local government as have been prescribed by law. Madison County was organized by an act of the general assembly, effective July 1, 1823. (Acts 1823.) Its present form of government, as it functions today, is the result of its development under the original constitution of 1816, the present constitution adopted in 1851, and more than century of legislative action.

The tendency toward centralization of power in the hands of State authorities has taken from the county officials many of their powers and duties and has greatly lessened the scope of those remaining. In the older fields of finance, roads, and education, the State's supervision has greatly increased, and creation of newer State departments, such as police, food and fire inspection, and public welfare, has caused heavy erosion of local responsibility and control.

County offices fall into two main groups, constitutional and legislative, depending on the authority under which they exist and operate. The offices provided for in the present Constitution are those of auditor, treasurer, recorder, surveyor, sheriff, coroner, and clerk of the circuit court. Two other officers--circuit judge and prosecuting attorney--belong legally to the circuit, which may include one or more counties. Court sessions are held in each county, and records are kept accordingly. All other offices have originated in legislative enactment.

Each county has its own individual governmental set-up. Although the Constitution of 1851 forbids special legislation, the general assembly has



provided necessary variations for counties, by classification based entirely on population. Urban and rural areas obviously cannot be governed by the same system or number of officers. Every county has the constitutional offices, but the statutory officers vary greatly in number, powers, and duties. The latter may be compulsory in all counties, or they may be optional and therefore established in only a few instances; others may be authorized in only certain classes of counties, though the class may include but one county.

Indiana stands alone among the States of the Union in having a dual system of county governing boards. Each county is governed by a board of commissioners and a county council. Their duties, with technical distinctions, are enumerated in their proper places below.

#### Administration

The county system of government is an inheritance from England and the American colonies, whence pioneers in Wisconsin brought their customs and laws. Its beginning in Indiana was by the laws of the Northwest Territory, which provided for a governing body called the board of county commissioners. (Laws of Northwest Territory, 1792, ch. 3, sec. 5.) The administrative duties were executed by the sheriff. (Ibid., 1798, ch. 2, sec. C.), clerk (Ibid., ch. 2, p. 11.), coroner (Ibid., ch. 3, sec. 1.), recorder (Ibid., 1795, p. 102, sec. 1.) Under the laws of Indiana Territory of 1802, the office of county surveyor was established. (Laws of Indiana Territory, 1802, ch. 1, sec. 1.)

At the organization of Madison County, the governing body was the board of county commissioners; the administrative duties were executed by





the treasurer, recorder, sheriff, surveyor, and clerk, under the authority of the constitution of 1816 and legislative acts of the general assembly. The office of auditor was created by an act of 1841. (Acts 1841, Ch. 2, Sec. 1.) At the constitutional convention in 1851, the Constitution of 1816 was thoroughly revised, and became the Constitution of 1851 which has, with some alterations by later amendments, remained the Constitution of Indiana.

The Constitution of 1851 provides for the election of a clerk of the circuit court, who keeps the records of the proceedings of all the courts in the county; an auditor, who keeps records of county financial matters and records dealing in real property and the estates of private citizens; a recorder, whose duties are to keep a record of every conveyance or other instrument entitled and required by law to be recorded; a treasurer, who receives all money coming to the county and keeps a record of same; a sheriff, who is conservator of the peace and who carries out court orders; a coroner, who investigates violent deaths and those in suspicious circumstances; and a surveyor, who prepares plans and specifications for the improvement of public works, and establishes boundaries for public and private lands and since 1853 has charge of drainage systems. (Ind. Const., Art. 6, Sec. 2.) Since the adoption of the constitution, the general assembly has prescribed the establishment of additional departments.

The present leading governing body of the county is the board of commissioners, often called the "county board", elected for a term of three years. The board provides buildings to house county business, furnishes public squares and grounds, audits the accounts of county officers who handle money, changes boundaries of townships or in some cases, and is charged with the maintenance of county roads, and bridges. (Ind. Rev. Stat., 1952, Ch. 20, Sec. 1; Sec. 20-601, Burns' Ind. Stat., Ann. 1953.)





The board is also charged with any specific duties prescribed by statute and either mandatory or optional.

Another governing body, is the county council, created in 1899, by statute, to act as a check upon the board of county commissioners by controlling the finances of county government. This council consists of seven members who are elected for a term of four years. One member is elected from each councilmanic district by the citizens of the district and three members are elected at large from the county. The county auditor act as clerk of the council. The council has power to fix certain tax rates, the exclusive right to make appropriations out of the county treasury, and the exclusive right to authorize the borrowing of money for the county. (Acts 1899; Sec. 26-501, 26-502, 26-515, 26-552; Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

In 1873, by legislative enactment, the office of county superintendent of schools was created. The superintendent is elected by the township trustees and serves for a term of four years. His duties are specifically set out in the statutes, and he is under the jurisdiction of the state board of public instruction. (Acts 1873, 1899; Sec. 28-702, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

By an act of 1873, a county board of education was created. The board consists of the county superintendent of schools, the township trustees, and the chairman of the school trustees of each city and town of the county. The duties of the board are to consider the general wants and needs of the schools and matters relating to the purchase of school furniture, books, maps, charts, etc. (Acts 1873; Sec. 26-01, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)



An act of 1891 created the office of health commissioner, who is elected by the county commissioners to serve for a term of four years. It is his duty to safeguard the health and to promote sanitary systems for the citizens of the county. He is also required to keep records of contagious diseases, births, deaths, and marriages. (Acts 1891; Sec. 35-108, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

By an act of 1891 the office of county assessor was created. The assessor is elected for a four-year term. His duties are to assess omitted real and personal property, to instruct the township assessors, to carry out the orders of the state tax board, and to act as president of the county board of review. (Acts 1891; Ch. 90.)

An act of 1891 created the county board of review, whose members are to consist of the county assessor, county auditor, and county treasurer. (Acts 1891; Ch. 90.) This act was amended in 1913 to include two freeholders of opposite political parties as members of the board. The duty of this board is to equalize unfair assessments on real and personal property. (Acts 1913; Sec. 64-1201, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

In 1907, a legislative act created a county board of finance, consisting of the board of county commissioners, the mayor, controller, and the chief executive officer of the school city of Anderson. The county auditor acts as secretary. This board has the custody of the county funds and selects the depositories. (Acts 1907, Sec. 61-606, 61-607; Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The general assembly of 1935 repealed this act and in the same session revived it as part of the depository act, reestablishing the board of finance practically unaltered. (Acts 1935; Sec. 61-606, 61-607, 61-608 to 61-609; Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1936 Supplement.)



By an act of 1913, the legislature made provision for the creation of the office of agricultural agent, locally termed county agent, and commonly referred to by the descriptive name. Immediately on the advent of the State in the sale of State lands originally was called the county agent, the popular term is used here. The act provides that this office may come into existence whenever a certain number of residents of the county shall petition therefore. The appointment is made annually by Purdue University and ratified by the county board of education. Upon proper petition, this office was established in Madison County, October 1, 1913. The duties of the county agent are to disseminate information for the promotion and advancement of agriculture, horticulture, and domestic science. (Acts 1913; Sec. 20-4911; Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) By an act of 1931, the office of home demonstration agent was created, whose work is supplemental to the office of the agricultural agent. (Acts 1931; Sec. 20-5627, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

The office of superintendent of highways, established in 1813, was abolished by an act of 1933, and the office of highway supervisor authorized. The supervisor is appointed by the board of commissioners. He has general supervision of all county highways, roads and bridges. (Acts 1933; Sec. 30-1110, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

In 1933 the legislature created a county board of tax adjustment. The board consists of one member of the county council, selected by the council, and six members appointed by the judge of the circuit court. This board has the power, as it deems necessary, to revise, to change or reduce, but not to increase any tax levy or any corresponding item of the budget on which the tax levies are based. (Acts 1933; Sec. 61-341, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)





The county board of public welfare was created by an act of 1933. The board consists of five members appointed by the circuit court to serve for a term of four years. The board is charged with the administration of assistance to dependent children in their own homes, to aged persons, and all those who are otherwise handicapped. (Acts 1933; Sec. 52-1117, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1936 Supplement.)

### Judicial

The judicial system of Madison County, as of other Indiana counties, is prescribed by the State Constitution and the subsequent legislative enactments of the Indiana General Assembly. The Constitution authorized and directed the general assembly to divide into judicial circuits the whole State as the need arose. Madison County forms the fifth circuit, established in 1901. (Acts 1901; Sec. 4-353, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) Before this period, Madison County was a part of a circuit to which another county was attached. The Constitution further provides for the election of a judge, and a prosecuting attorney for each circuit, and for a clerk for each county within a circuit. (Indiana Const., Art. 6, Sec. 2; Art. 7, Sec. 9-11.) The circuit court has jurisdiction in all criminal, civil, probate, and juvenile cases, and hears appeals from lower courts.

In 1852, by a legislative act the court of common pleas was created, with limited jurisdiction. The court continued in existence until it was abolished by an act of the legislature in 1873. In earlier times, the common pleas court was a subdivision of the circuit court for certain cause, and had no independent existence. (Acts 1852.)





In 1898, by a legislative act, a superior court was established in Madison County. (Acts 1898; Sec. 4-1301, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) This court has concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit court of Madison County.

### Records System

The establishment of each of these offices caused the beginning of separate records as prescribed by the general assembly under the provisions for each respective office. In many of the smaller offices no permanent records have been kept; therefore no survey could be made. Madison County followed its own form of accounting until, in 1908, the legislature established the state board of accounts, which formulates, prescribes, and installs systems of accounting and reporting which are uniform for every public office of the same class. (Acts 1908; Sec. 6-202, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) Under this law some of the records were combined to eliminate separation, duplication, and overlapping. The law also permits the use of bound looseleaf records in almost all cases where the records are typed. The quality of the paper and ink and the binding and rebinding practices are left to the judgment of the board of county commissioners, except that a good quality is required.

Whenever it may be necessary for the preservation of the records of any office from mutilation, the board of county commissioners issues an order directing the officer in charge to copy and transcribe the records for preservation. (Acts 1888; Sec. 26-634, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

In 1925 a law was passed permitting county officials, at their discretion, to turn over to the State archives bureau for permanent preservation, any official books, records, documents, original papers,



newspaper files, or printed books and material not in current use in their offices. (Acts 1925; Sec. 22-250, Vermont Terr. Stat. Jan. 1933.) This law is optional and has been ineffectual. County officials are loath to part with records, even when no longer used and in spite of lack of storage space, for fear of a possible call for them. Consequently, they have only occasionally availed themselves of this provision for permanent preservation of their old records.

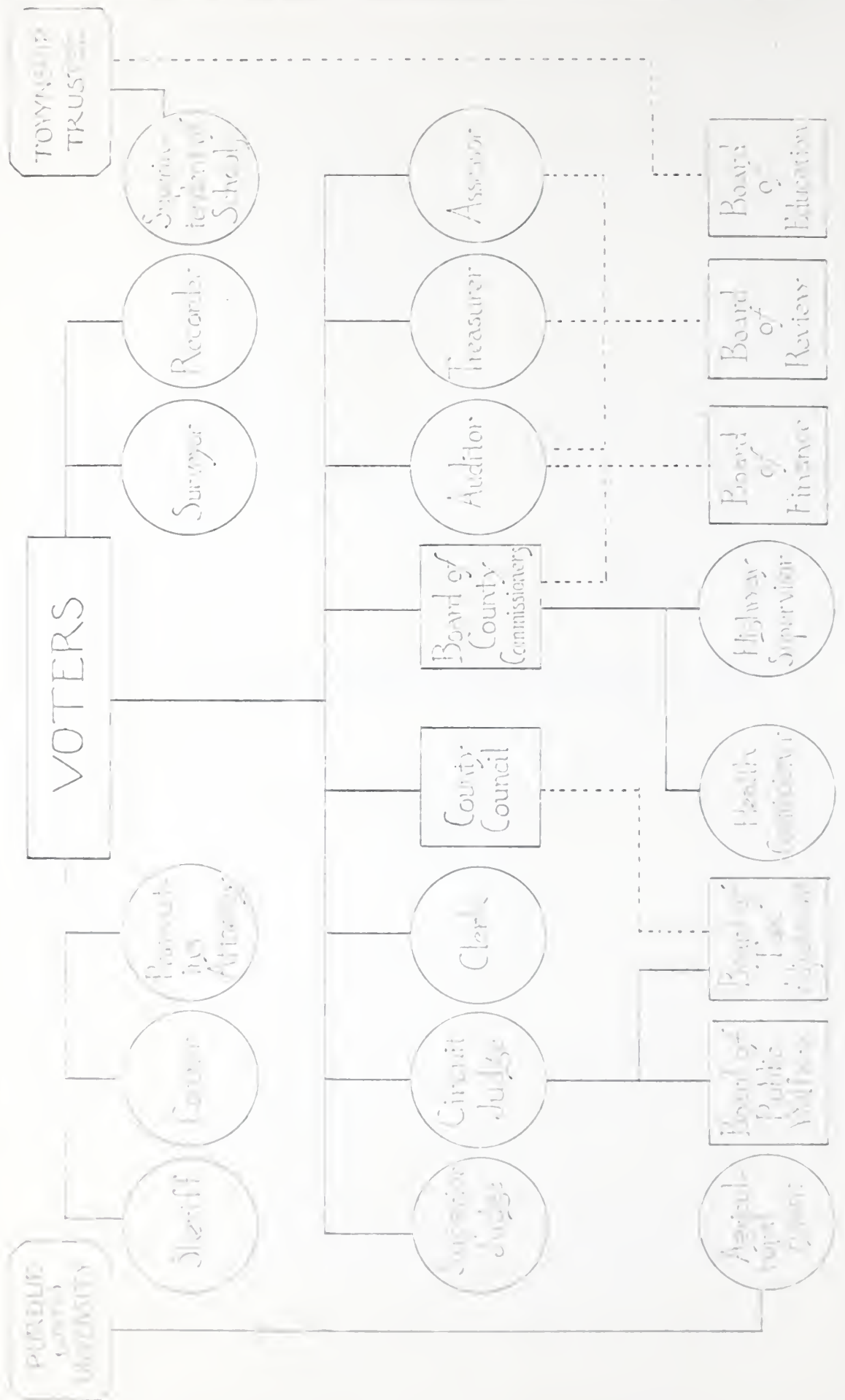
The Historical Records Survey will, in due time, submit sample forms of types of records now in use in the several bureaus of county government. From a study of these forms a model arrangement may be organized for the uniform creation of public records, so that the records created daily may be preserved for posterity.













Circles represent individual officers.

Squares represent agencies in board form.

Solid lines are lines of election or appointment. Broken lines indicate ex-officio relationship. All lines should be read downward.

Auditor, Treasurer, Surveyor, Recorder, Clerk of Court, Coroner, Sheriff, Prosecuting Attorney, Assessor, Board of Commissioners, Council, Judges of Superior Court, and Circuit Court-- all elected by voters.

Board of Public Welfare	-- Appointed by judge, circuit court.
Highway Supervisor	-- Appointed by board of commissioners.
Health Commissioner	-- Elected by board of commissioners.
Board of Finance	-- Consists of county commissioners, with the auditor as secretary, the mayor--controller--and chief executive officer of the school city of Madison.
Board of Review	-- Composed of auditor as president, auditor as secretary, treasurer, and two freeholders of county appointed by judge of circuit court.
Board of Tax Adjustment	-- Composed of one member of the county council, a commission trustee, the mayor, a member of school board, and one resident freeholder appointed by judge of circuit court.
Board of Education	-- Composed of teachers of school of Madison County, the county superintendent of schools, and the chairman of the school trustees of each city or town in Madison County.
Superintendent of Schools	-- Elected by board of education.
Agricultural Agent	-- Appointed by Federal University with approval of county board of education.



## Clerk.

Records of all courts are kept by the clerk's bureau, which occupies seven rooms--a main office and a vault on the southeast corner of the first floor, the circuit court room and office on the east side of the third floor, the superior court room and office on the southeast corner of the third floor, and the office of the probation officer on the southeast corner of the first floor. In all these rooms, care of the records are provided with excellent accommodations. Not the clerk's main office and vault have tile floors and plastered walls and ceilings, and are well lighted, clean, and well ventilated. The main office, measuring 25' by 20' by 15', houses 40' of bound volumes and 312' of unbound records in file boxes 16" deep, with space for expansion on present shelving. Fifteen per cent of the clerk's records and 50% of the coroner's records are housed here. The vault, about three-quarters the size of the main office, houses 72% of the clerk's records--450' of bound volumes and 1,000' of unbound records--completely filling the shelves; no space for new shelving is available. The circuit court room and office have wooden floors, plaster walls, and plaster ceilings. Lighting in these rooms is excellent, and ventilation is good. The court room is of moderate size and is equipped with wooden shelving, on which are 20' of bound volumes--3% of the clerk's records. The circuit court office, not so large as the court room, houses 8' of bound volumes on a desk--about 1% of the clerk's records. The superior court room and office are similar in construction, lighting, and ventilation to those of the circuit court. The court room, measuring 40' by 25' by 15', contains 24' of unbound records in file boxes 10" deep. These are about 3% of the clerk's records, and there is sufficient



room for expansion. The superior court office is 12' square and is equipped with 6' of metal shelves. On these shelves are 2' of bound volumes, less than 1/2 of the clerk's records. The office of the probation officer houses approximately 1/2 of the clerk's records; this room, measuring 16' by 16' by 10', has a wooden floor and plaster ceiling and walls. These are in fair condition, but ventilation and lighting are good and the room is clean. Steel filing cabinets house the records--25' of unbound reports. With present equipment there is no space for future records; however, if shelving is constructed, sufficient space will be available. The remaining 2' of the clerk's records are kept in the attic entrance room.

#### Prosecuting Attorney

The office of the prosecuting attorney is located on the fifth floor of the Citizens' Bank Building at Eleventh and Meridian Streets, Anderson. The office consists of two rooms--a main and a private office--all the prosecutor's records being housed in the former. The main office is a moderately sized room which has a wooden floor and plaster ceiling and walls and is equipped with steel filing cabinets. These house 6' of unbound records, the space being sufficient for present needs. If more space is desired, more cabinets or shelving will be required. The room is clean; lighting and ventilation are good; and satisfactory accommodations are provided for users of the records.

#### Recorder

At the northeast corner of the second floor is the recorder's office, comprising two rooms and a record room. The flooring is tile in all





these rooms, and the walls and ceilings are plaster; ventilation and lighting are good. Room 1 contains a steel cabinet with steel roller shelves which carry 4' of bound and 45' of unbound records; additional shelving will be required when expansion becomes necessary. Room 2--14' by 12' by 15' and two-thirds as large as room 1--houses 20' of bound volumes in a steel cabinet, with much space for expansion on the present shelving. The record room, measuring 2' less in length and width than room 2, contains 104' of shelving in metal cabinets, completely occupied by bound volumes. With the exception of room 1, all rooms furnish good accommodations for persons consulting the records. Five per cent of the recorder's records are housed in room 1, 15' in room 2, 70' in the record room, and 2' in the attic entrance room.

#### Sheriff

The sheriff has two offices--one in the courthouse in the middle of the south side of the third floor, and one in the jail at Eighth and Central Streets, Anderson. Both offices are clean and well lighted and ventilated; both have wooden floors and plaster walls and ceilings. In the courthouse office there is no space for expansion; in the jail office there is ample room for expansion. Eighty-five per cent of the sheriff's records are kept in the former office, a large room 20' square. The records here consist of 3' of bound volumes and 10' of unbound records in file boxes 22" deep. The remaining 15' of the records are kept in the jail office, which is only 12' square. There is 1' of bound volumes on wooden shelving. Accommodations for users are provided only in the courthouse office.





#### Coroner

The coroner's bureau occupies an office and an ante-room on the fifth floor of the Citizens' Trust Building at Eleventh and Franklin Streets in Anderson. Records are kept only in the ante-room; this is a small room 10' by 9' by 8', and has a wood floor and plaster walls and ceiling. Ventilation and lighting conditions are excellent, and the room is clean and in good condition. One foot of bound volumes on a desk comprises 50% of the coroner's records--all that are kept here. No additional equipment is needed, either for the users of the records or for proper housing. The other 50% of the coroner's records (all the unbound records) are housed in the clerk's office. (i. e., supra.)

#### Auditor

The office of the auditor, at the southwest corner of the second floor, comprises a main office, a private office, a record room, and a vault. The private office is not used for the housing of records. The rooms are all in good condition, clean, well lighted, and well ventilated; and all have tile floors and plaster walls and ceilings. Tables and chairs are furnished in all rooms for persons consulting the records. The main office, measuring 16' by 14' by 15', contains 30' of shelving under a counter; on this shelving are 30' of bound volumes and 30' of unbound records in file boxes 15" deep. Few shelves are required to care for expansion, but there is space for this shelving when it is needed. The records housed here comprise 10% of the auditor's and 75% of the commissioner's records. The record room measures 30' by 15' by 8' and is equipped with 20' of wooden shelving on which are located 20' of bound



volumes; a more compact arrangement will allow space for expansion without additional shelving. Ten per cent of the auditor's records are housed in this room. The vault, about the same size as the main office, houses 225' of bound volumes and 75' of unbound records; here again, a more compact arrangement will permit expansion. In this vault are 65' of the auditor's records and 5' of the highway supervisor's records. Fifteen per cent of the auditor's records are kept in the attic storage rooms.

#### Assessor

A large office on the north side of the first floor is occupied by the assessor. Here are kept 25' of his records, the remainder being in the attic storage rooms. The office has plaster ceiling and walls and wood flooring, and it is clean, well ventilated, and well lighted. Wooden shelves house 96' of bound volumes, and a filing cabinet contains 4' of unbound records. Users of the records will find good accommodations in this office.

#### Board of Finance

Records of the Board of Finance are kept by the auditor and are housed in his office. (q. v., supra.)

#### Treasurer

On the northwest corner of the second floor is the Treasurer's office, which occupies two rooms. Both rooms have wooden floors, plaster ceilings, and plaster walls; both are well lighted and ventilated. Room 1 is large, measuring 38' by 23' by 16', while room 2 is less than half as large. Room 1 contains 45' of shelving completely filled with bound volumes, with



no room for additional collection. Room 2 contains one of the rooms formerly filled with unbound records in file boxes 6" deep, leaving likewise no room for new shelving. Fifty per cent of the treasurer's records are in room 1 and 20% in room 2, and 50% are stored in the attic storage rooms. Adequate accommodations are provided in both rooms for persons consulting the records.

### Superintendent of Schools

Three rooms--two in the southwest and the attendance office in the southeast corner of the first floor--are occupied by the superintendent of schools. Ventilation and lighting in these rooms is uniformly good. All these offices are constructed with wood floor and plaster walls and ceilings. Room 1 measures 16' by 11' by 10'; room 2, connected by an arch with room 1, measures 18' by 18' by 10'; and the attendance office measures 14' by 12' by 12'. In room 1 are 35' of wooden shelves, housing 6' of bound volumes and 26' of unbound records in file boxes 14" deep. Room 2 houses 25' of unbound records in file boxes 14" deep, with some space for expansion. The records in the attendance office consist of one bound volume on a desk. In the three offices described here, all the superintendent's records are housed--about 75% in room 1, 24% in room 2, and 1% in the attendance office. In these offices also are kept the records of the board of education.

### Health Commissioner

The office of the health commissioner, located on the northeast corner of the fifth floor of the Anderson Bank building, Tenth and Meridian Streets, Anderson, consists of a waiting room and a private office;





the private office, a small room 10' by 12' by 10', houses all the records of the health commissioner. The floor of this office is stone, and the walls and ceilings are plaster; ventilation and lighting are good, and the room is clean. A wooden cabinet carries 4' of shelving which is filled with bound volumes, no space being left for expansion. Persons consulting the records may have the use of a desk and chair.

#### Board of Public Welfare

An office 16' square on the west side of the basement is used by the board of public welfare. The room is in excellent condition, well lighted, clean, and well ventilated, and has a concrete floor and plaster walls and ceiling. Records housed here consist of 3' of bound volumes and 4' of unbound records in filing cabinets. Seventeen feet of unoccupied shelving furnish space for several years of future records. All the records of the board of public welfare are housed in this office.

#### Surveyor

In the middle of the south side of the first floor are the surveyor's office and record rooms. The office measures 14' by 12' by 10'; record room 1 is slightly smaller than the office; and record room 2 is slightly smaller than record room 1. Ventilation and lighting in all three rooms is good, and all have wooden floors and plaster walls and ceilings. The office is equipped with 20' of steel and wood shelving of which 10' are occupied by bound volumes and 5' by unbound records in file boxes 12" deep. Additional shelving, if necessary, can be constructed. Record room 1 contains 10' of bound volumes and 30' of unbound records in file boxes 30" deep. In record room 2 there are 10' of bound volumes and 10'





of unbound records in file room 1, 2 and 3. In each of these rooms there is space for additional shelving, though present shelving is adequate. These three rooms house all the surveyor's records--25% in the office, 50% in record room 1, and 25% in record room 2. Satisfactory accommodations in these rooms are obtainable for those who consult the records.

#### Highway Supervisor

The highway supervisor occupies an office jointly with the commissioners. His records are housed in this office and in the auditor's office. (See supra., under Commissioners and Auditor.)

#### Agricultural Agent

The agricultural agent and his assistant, the home demonstration agent, occupy an office in the east end of the Post Office building, Eleventh and Jackson Streets, Anderson. This room, divided into two sections by a temporary partition, measures 16' by 14' by 12' and has wooden flooring, plaster walls, and plaster ceiling. All the records of the agricultural agent--16' of unbound records in filing cabinets--are housed here. Lighting and ventilation in this room are good; no accommodations, however, are provided for users of the records.

#### Storage Rooms

The fourth floor attic contains four rooms formerly used for offices, but now used for record storage rooms. These rooms are finished in the usual manner and are well lighted and ventilated. The entrance room, a long room, houses 9% of the clerk's records, 2% of the recorder's records,



and 10' each of the records of the auditor and the assessor. The rooms consist of 40' of bound volumes of work and 10' of unbound records in filing cabinets. The moderately sized east entrance room houses 30' of bound volumes and 128 square feet of unbound records in bundles stacked on the floor. There are 10' of the treasurer's records and 28' of the assessor's records. The south room and the east room are equal in size to the east entrance room. The former contains 40' of bound volumes and 100 square feet of unbound records in bundles stacked on the floor--35' of the assessor's records. The east room houses 5' of the auditor's records, 10' of the treasurer's records, and 40' of the assessor's records. Small space is available for expansion with present shelving in these four rooms, and only the two first listed furnish accommodations for persons consulting the records.

#### Review

Housing conditions in general appear to be satisfactory in Madison County, with but one or two outstanding exceptions. Perhaps in some offices adequate provision is not made for the housing of future records, but, since there is space for additional shelving in almost all offices, these records can be taken care of as the need arises.

The treasurer's office is one exception. A vault is needed here--or, at least, an additional room. Unbound records in the east entrance and south rooms of the attic should have better care; classification, indexing, and rearrangement are needed for all records, bound and unbound, in the storage rooms. Sufficient accommodations for users of the records in the storage rooms should also be provided. With these improvements, it is believed that the housing of Madison County records would be completely satisfactory.



The style Manual of the United States Government Printing Office is the authority followed herein.

alph.	alphabetical or alphabetically
ann.	----- Annotated
Art.	Article
arr.	arranged
aver.	average
bdl.	bundle
Bldg.	Building
Ch.	Chapter
chron.	chronological or chronologically
C. C.	County Courthouse
Const.	Constitution
hdw.	handwritten
ib., ibid.	Ibidem (same reference as that immediately foregoing)
Ind.	Indiana
Infra	Below
NE.	Northeast
no.	number
nos.	numbers
NW.	Northwest
off.	office
p., pp.	page, pages
q. r.	Quilch. sec



loc. (rel.)	location (relative)
pa.	page
sec.	section
SE.	southeast
stg.	storage
SW.	southwest
Supra	above
tp.	township
U. S.	United States
vol., vols.	volume, volumes
vt.	vault

Other abbreviations occasionally used will be obvious from the context.

#### Explanation to Inventory

The inventory of the records of each bureau is preceded by an explanatory section, giving legal status and functions of each.

Each entry has two parts, or paragraphs: title and description. Occasionally an entry will have a cross-reference paragraph.

#### I. The title consists of:

1. Entry number. The entries are numbered consecutively within the county.

2. Titles in capitals, enclosed in parentheses, are supplied by the Historical Records Survey, because either the volume or file has no title or an incorrect title. Words in capitals and lower case, enclosed in parentheses, are supplementary to the title, where it is necessary to explain the type of records more fully.





3. Series covered by the record, showing beginning and ending dates. A dash in place of an ending date indicates a continuous open record.

4. Quantity.

5. Findings, if a series or a part of a series. Where the entry consists of one volume or of v. 1 only, the finding is omitted.

6. Variation in numbering.

7. Missing volumes.

8. Variations in title.

II. The description consists of:

1. A complete description of the record, its contents, and its purpose, with a resume of the column headings or subjects treated.
2. Method of indexing or arrangement.
3. Nature of recording.
4. Condition. Unless good or excellent, in which case, it is omitted.
5. Number of pages, averaged for a series.
6. Size, averaged for a series, is given in inches unless otherwise specified; hence the inch sign is omitted.
7. Location.

III. Cross references made to other entries.

1. For records which have a separate index.
2. For records having earlier or later recordings under a different title or type of record.
3. For records for which additional information may be found in other entries.



The board of commissioners is a statutory body comprising three members elected for a term of three years. Elections are so arranged that one member shall retire each year. (1 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1929; Sec. 26-601, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) Madison County had a board of commissioners prior to 1852 which was provided for in the constitution of 1816. The inception date of this office in Madison County is 1823. All of the records of this office are located in the courthouse unless otherwise stated.

The board of commissioners holds twelve monthly sessions. It makes orders respecting the property of the county, sells, purchases, takes care of, and preserves the property. It allows all accounts chargeable against the county not otherwise provided for and directs the raising of sums necessary for expenses, audits accounts of all officers, provides election supplies, and maintains highways. It may abolish or change township or precinct boundary lines, establish libraries and hospitals, aid war veterans, pay bounties, offer rewards, and appoint deputy sheriffs, highway, and drainage commissioners. (1 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1863, 1865, 1879 Special Session, 1885, 1897, 1913, 1921, and 1929; Sec. 26-601 to 26-638, Burns Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933)

#### Court Proceedings and Reports

1. COMMISSIONERS' RECORDS, 1855---. 38 vols. (1-37, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of miscellaneous claims against county, showing claims for road repair costs, additional poor aid, material and supplies furnished,



## Court Proceedings and Reports (continued)

bids for orphans home, and hospital supplies. Indexed alph. by name of claimant. 1855-1918, hdw; 1918--, typed. 600 pp. 18 x 14 x 3. 31 vols., 1855-1919, attic; 7 vols., 1920--, auditor's off.

## 2. RECORD OF INSURANCE ON COUNTY PROPERTY, 1928-30. 1 vol.

Record, showing title of insurance company, date of insurance, amount of protection, description of property insured, rate, and total amount of premium paid. No index. Hdw. 160 pp. 16 x 16 x 2. Auditor's off.

## 3. DEEDS FOR COUNTY PROPERTY, 1924--. 6 file boxes.

Original deeds for courthouse, poor farm, jail, hospitals, and county homes. No index. 10 x 4 x 18. Auditor's off.

For other deeds, see entries 113-121.

Bond Issues

## 4. TRANSCRIPT OF COUNTY BONDS, 1935--. 1 vol.

Duplicate copies of county bonds issued to cover loans, showing date, name of bond holder, amount of bond, rate and date of interest payments, and date of maturity. No index. Typed. 700 pp. 8 x 12 x 4. Auditor's main off.

For earlier records, see entry 5.

## 5. BOND REGISTER, 1882--. 3 vols.

Record of payments on county bonds, showing date due, date and amount paid, kind of bonds, payment terms, bonds, coupons, and receiving bank. Indexed alph. by names of buyers. Hdw. 23 pp. 12 x 8 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Auditor's main off.





Court Proceedings and Papers:--Bond Claims (continued)

6. REGISTER OF GRAVEL ROAD BONDS, 1906--. 1 vol.

Record of bonds issued to pay road construction costs, showing date, name of purchaser, amount, dates of payments on principal and interest, and balance due. No index. Hdw. 40 pp. 12 x 8 x 1/2. Auditor's main off.

Claims and Allowances

7. CLAIM AND ALLOWANCE RECORD, 1925--. 55 vols. (1-55).

Record of claims made on property, showing amount allowed for settlement, claim no., date filed, claimant's name and address, no. of warrant issued, and remarks. Indexed alph. by name of claimant. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 14 x 3. Auditor's off.

8. COURT VOUCHERS, 1926--. 21 file boxes.

Court claims showing name of claimant, nature of claim, services or supplies, date, and itemized account. No index. 10 x 4 x 13. Auditor's off.

9. ROAD CLAIMS, 1902-22. 14 file boxes.

Claims for labor or material furnished for road work, showing name of claimant, district, name of road, date, claim no., amount, and claimant's affidavit. No index. 10 x 18 x 4. Auditor's vt.

10. COUNTY ROAD SUPERINTENDENT'S CLAIMS, 1908--. 24 file boxes.

Claims filed for labor and material furnished for road work, showing name of claimant, date, claim no., name of road, amount and nature of claim, and affidavit. No index. 10 x 4 x 13. Auditor's off.

11. DETAILED RECORD OF TOWN POOR EXPENSES, 1933-34. 1 vol.

Record of poor relief activities, showing date, no. of persons on relief, married or single, no. in family, and total amount expended in city or town. Arr. chron. Hdw. 250 pp. 13 x 14 x 2. Auditor's main off.





Court Proceedings and Reports--Claims and Allowances (continued)

12. TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE'S RELIEF AND POOR REPORTS, 1902-22. 28

file boxes.

Report sheets on poor relief, showing case no., name and address of recipient, personal and family histories, relief granted for food, fuel, housing, burials, medical care, seeds, livestock subsistence, and other necessities. No index. 10 x 18 x 4. Auditor's off.

13. TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE VOUCHERS, 1903-32. 16 file boxes.

Claims and pay vouchers for labor and supplies, showing name of claimant, cause of claim, amount claimed, amount allowed, and date. No index.

10 x 4 x 18. Auditor's vt.

14. ANDERSON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE, 1902-22. 16 file boxes.

Report sheets of assistance given in needy cases, showing case no., name and address of needy, personal and family histories, relief granted for food, fuel, housing, burials, medical care, seeds, live stock subsistence, and other necessities. No index. 10 x 18 x 4. Auditor's vt.

15. POOR CLAIMS, 1936--. 50 file boxes.

Relief claims acted upon by twp. trustees, showing date, name and address of claimant, family and personal history, investigator's report, nature of relief afforded, and attest by trustees. No index. 10 x 4 x 18. Auditor's off.

16. OLD AGE PENSION, 1934--. 4 vols.

Record of old age pension payments, showing date, name, age, residence of claimant, and amount of pension. No index. Typed. 100 pp. 18 x 12 x 4. Auditor's vt.

For other records, see entries 255-257.



Court Proceedings and Reports -- Claims and Allowances (continued)

## 17. CLAIMS, 1926--. 12 file boxes.

Claims for old age pensions, showing date, name, age and address of claimant, amount and nature of claim, and signature. No index. 10 x 4 x 18. Auditor's off.

## 18. WARRANTS, 1902-22. 12 files.

Payments on old age pensions, showing date, funds, duplicate record of claims paid, warrant no., name of payee, amount, county fund or special fund, and ledger vol. and page no. of record. No index. 10 x 18 x 4. Auditor's vt.

## 19. CHECKS CANCELED, 1901-32. 18 file boxes.

Canceled checks of moneys issued in payment for road repairs, showing date, check no., name of payee, amount, and recipient's signature. No index. 10 x 4 x 18. Auditor's vt.

## 20. CLAIMS, SOLDIER'S PENSIONS, 1926--. 11 file boxes.

Claims filed for soldier's pensions, showing name of soldier, date of issue, amount and nature of claim, and signature of claimant. No index. 10 x 4 x 18. Auditor's off.

## 21. SOLDIER'S BURIAL RECORD, 1861--. 1 vol.

Record of soldier's burial at county expense, showing name, enlistment date, rank, service branch, discharge date, burial place, date of death, occupation during life, burial expense, and trustee's signature. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Edw. on printed form. 250 pp. 18 x 14 x 2. Auditor's off.

## 22. T. B. HOSPITAL CLAIMS, 1926--. 21 file boxes.

Claims submitted by hospital, showing date, itemized claim, amount, and patient's name. No index. 10 x 4 x 18. Auditor's off.



amount of gravel placed, cost of material, and labor and total cost.

Arr. alph. by twp. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 14 x 4. Auditor's record rm.

28. ROAD TRANSCRIPTS, 1905-32. 70 vols.

Records and blueprints, showing road constructions, name of road, location, construction date, specifications, materials used, and total cost of road. Typed. 1000 pp. 18 x 10 x 8. 15 vols., 1905-27, auditor's vt.; 5 vols., 1928-32, attic, stg. rm. 1.

29. ROAD RECORD, 1904-29. 2 vols. 1910-23, missing.

Record of paved road repairs, showing date, name of road, location, materials and labor used, and total cost. Arr. alph. by twp. Hdw. 200 pp. 18 x 18 x 2. Auditor's record rm.

30. RECORDS OF PAYMENTS ON COUNTY ROADS, 1920-24. 1 vol.

Record of installment payments on road assessments, showing date, name of property owner, address, description and location of road, amount apportioned against property, amount of installments, and date due.

Indexed alph. by names of property owners. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 18 x 3.

Auditor's record rm.

31. RENTAL OF DITCHES, 1925-30. 1 vol.

Record of installments assessed for ditch constructions, showing date, name of owner and property benefited, apportioned amount, name of ditch, and total cost. No index. Hdw. 40 pp. 14 x 10 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Auditor's record rm.





In 1899 the legislature created the county council. This council consists of seven members who are elected for a term of four years. One member is elected from each councilmanic district by the district and three members are elected at large from the county. The council elects its own president and the county auditor acts as its clerk. The county sheriff is required to execute the orders of the council. (Acts 1899; Secs. 26-501, 26-502, 26-509, 26-515, and 26-532, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The inception date of this board in Madison County is 1899.

The power of fixing the tax rate where it is not fixed by law, is vested in the council, as well as the power of making appropriations of money to be paid out of the county treasury (Acts 1899; Sec. 26-515, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933).

The council passes on all budget estimates submitted by county officials (Acts 1899; Sec. 26-520, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933), as well as on emergency appropriations (Acts 1899, 1907, 1913; Sec. 26-521, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933).

The council has the exclusive power to authorize the borrowing of money for the county, and the issuing of bonds (Acts 1899; 1921, 1929; Sec. 26-532, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933). No sale or purchase by the county of real estate of the value of \$1,000 or more shall take place without authorization of the council (Acts 1899; Sec. 26-534, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933).

No records could be found.





The clerk of the circuit court is a constitutional officer, elected for a four-year term, and not entitled to hold office more than eight years in any twelve-year period. (Indiana Const., Art. 5, Sec. 2; Sec. 43-2701, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The inception date of this office in Madison County is 1826. All records of this office are located in the courthouse unless otherwise stated.

The clerk preserves all records and writings filed in his office. He keeps a set of dockets for all county courts such as appearance, bar, judgment, and execution. He also keeps an order and final record book. He attends the sessions of the circuit court and makes proper record of all orders, judgments, and decrees. He keeps a complete record of all causes where the title is in dispute, and of original causes where the punishment is death or imprisonment. He is authorized to receive all funds ordered to be paid into the treasury. (Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1857, 1868, 1878, 1887, 1897, 1901, 1903, 1905, 1907, 1909, 1911, 1913, 1915, 1917, 1919, 1921, 1923, and 1925; Secs. 43-2701 to 43-2725, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

#### Official Bonds

(See entries 131-132)

31. BOND OF OFFICIALS, 1826--1931.

Record of bonds posted by officials before taking office, showing name of official, date of bond, name of office held, name of surety, and cost of bond. Indexed and filed by name of official. Ind. Const. Art. 5, Sec. 2. Clerk's off.

See entry 30.



OFFICIAL BONDS (continued)

33. RECORD OF BONDS POSTED BY JUSTICES OF PEACE BEFORE TAKING OFFICE, 1800--. 1 vol.  
Record of bonds posted by justices of peace before taking office, showing date of bond, name, copy of oath, amount of bond, and signature of justice. Indexed alh. by name of justice of peace. Hdw. 347 pp. 10 x 12 x 2. Clerk's off.

34. RECORD OF BONDS POSTED BY CONSTABLES BEFORE TAKING OFFICE, 1800--. 1 vol.  
Record of bonds posted by constables before taking office, showing name of constable, date, copy of oath taken, amount of bond, and signature of clerk. Indexed alh. by name of constable. Hdw. 345 pp. 10 x 14 x 3. Clerk's office.

35. RECORD OF BONDS POSTED BY NOTARIES PUBLIC, 1801-1854. 5 vols. (1-5). Prior to 1851, destroyed by fire.  
Record of bonds posted by notaries public, showing date of bond, name of notary, name of surety, and signature of clerk. Indexed alh. by name of notary. Hdw. on printed form. 400 pp. 10 x 12 x 2. Clerk's vt.

36. RECORD OF BONDS POSTED BY COUNTY OFFICIALS, 1801-1854. 1 vol.  
Record of bonds posted by county officials, and their successors in office, showing date of bond, name of official, name of surety, name of official held, official name of office holder, and signature of clerk. Indexed alh. by name of official. Hdw. 400 pp. 10 x 12 x 2. Clerk's vt.

See entry 37.



# Licenses

## Marriage

37. MARRIAGE LICENSES, 1900--. 1 vol., (1-30). Prior to 1900, destroyed by fire.

Marriage license applications and returns. 50 marriage, marriage license, name of applicant, address, when and where born, occupation, parent's names, and applicant's eligibility. Indexed alph. by name of groom. Issued on printed form. 600 pp. 10 x 12 x 2. 37 vols., 1900-1938, clerk's vt.; 1 vol. 1938--. Clerk's off.

## Professional

38. PHYSICIAN'S LICENSES, 1900-1911. 2 vols. (1-2).

Licenses issued to physicians, showing date of application, physician's name, medical college attended, and seal of notary public. Indexed alph. by name of physician. Hdw. 300 pp. 10 x 12 x 2. Clerk's vt.

For later record, see entry 39.

39. PHYSICIAN'S LICENSES, 1912--. 1 file box.

Licenses issued to physicians, showing date license issued, physician's name, college attended, and place where physician is to be licensed. No index. 10 x 5 x 14. Clerk's off.

For earlier records, see entry 38.

40. DENTIST'S LICENSES, 1938--. 1 file box.

Applications for dentist's licenses, showing date license issued, applicant's name, college attended, and business location. No index. 10 x 7 x 2.



41. Records of Professional Engineers

41. Records of Professional Engineers, 1900--. 1 file per.

Licenses issued to engineers, showing date of license issued, name of engineer, and location of business. No index. 10 x 5 x 14. Clerk's vt.

42. Records of Professional Engineers, 1901-25. 1 vol. Years listed in 1905.

Records of licenses issued to veterinarians, showing date of application, name of veterinarians, medical college attended, business location, and signature of clerk. Indexed alph. by name of applicant. Now on printed form. 50 pp. 10 x 14 x 2. Clerk's vt.

Certificates

43. Certificates of Partnership, 1905--. 1 vol.

Records of partners in business who have formed a partnership, showing date of filing, name and location of business, and signature of clerk. Indexed alph. by names of partners. Now on printed form. 50 pp. 10 x 14 x 4. Clerk's vt.

44. Records of Patents, 1905--. 36 file boxes.

Records of patents issued to inventors, showing date of filing, name of inventor, and location of business. No index. 10 x 5 x 15. Clerk's vt.

45. Records of Nurses, 1905--. 1 file per.

Licenses issued to nurses, showing date of license, name of nurse, and location of business. No index. 10 x 5 x 14. Clerk's vt.





Record of each receiver, amt. disbursed, transfer date, amount received, amount disbursed, and daily balance. To insure acct. on closing items.  
300 pp. 12 x 18 x 3. Cloth's cov.

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40. *Annuaire de la ville de Saint-Denis*, 1861-65. 1 vol.

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The office of prosecuting attorney was created by the Constitution. This officer is elected at the regular election for a term of two years. (Indiana Const., Art. 7, Sec. 11; Sec. 49-2501, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) Prior to the Constitution of 1851, the office of prosecuting attorney was in existence by virtue of the Constitution of 1816. The inception date of this office in Madison County is 1828.

It is the duty of the prosecutor to inquire of the commissioners about any felony or misdemeanor, and subpoena and examine any person likely to be acquainted with the commission of any felony or misdemeanor (2 Rev. Stat., Sec. 40-2503, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933).

He conducts all prosecutions for felonies or misdemeanors in Madison County, all suits on forfeited recognizances, resists applications for changing names, protects the interest of all persons of unsound mind, and superintends on behalf of the county or any of its trust funds, all suits in which they may be interested or involved, and performs such other duties as may be required by law (2 Rev. Stat., 1852; Sec. 49-2504, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933).

Prosecuting attorneys are neither State, county nor township officers (State ex rel. Pitman vs. Pucker, 46 Ind. 335), but their office in each county is a county office.

51. CASES, 1935--. 2 file drawers.

Legal papers of civil cases, showing case no., date, nature of cause, and proceedings of court. No index. 12 x 12 x 24. Prosecuting attorney's off., Citizens Bank Bldg., Anderson, Ind.





52. REPORTS, 1935--. 2 reports.

Record of divorce cases, showing case no., names of plaintiff and defendant, dates, and fees. No index. 14 x 10. Prosecuting attorney's off., Citizens Bank Bldg., Anderson, Ind.

53. MAP OF GRANT COUNTY, not dated. 1 map.

Political map of Grant County, showing complete description of towns, towns, business and residential districts. Drawn by Paul W. Phipps. Published in Anderson, Ind. Printed. Condition fair. No scale given. 66 x 36. C.C., probation off.



The circuit court is authorized by the Indiana Constitution (Indiana Const., Art. 7, Sec. 11). The fifteenth circuit comprises Madison County. The inception date of this court in Madison County is 1825. All records of this office are located in the courthouse unless otherwise stated.

The judge of the circuit court is elected by the people and the term of office is six years. The court has jurisdiction of law, equity, criminal cases, and settlement of decedent's estates, and of guardianships. It has appellate jurisdiction in certain cases from justice of peace courts. (Acts 1881; Sec. 4-303, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1935.)

Civil and Criminal Causes.  
(See also entries 102-103)

54. RECORD OF CASES DISPOSED OF-CIRCUIT COURT, 1922--. 29 vols.  
Record of cases acted on and disposed of, showing no. of case, date, nature of case, plaintiff, defendant and date tried. Indexed alpha. by plaintiff and defendant. ndw. on printed form. Condition fair. 1000 pp. 12 x 12 x 6.  
Circuit court off.

55. DISPOSED OF CASES CIRCUIT COURT, 1906--. 230 file boxes.  
Legal papers of cases that have been tried and disposed of, showing nature of case, plaintiff, defendant, case no., date, and attorney. No index.  
10 x 4 x 12. Clerk's vt.

56. CLAIMS AGAINST STATE, 1900--. 124 file boxes.  
Claims issued in damage suits against the State for work and material on roads, showing plaintiff, nature of case, date, case no., amount of claim



## Civil and Criminal Causes(continued)

and fee. No index. 10 x 4 x 12. Clerk's vt.

57. INDICTMENT BOOKS, 1880--. 4 vols. (1-4). Prior to 1880 destroyed by fire.

Indictments returned by the grand jury on criminal cases, showing name of case, nature of case, date and signature of the prosecuting attorney. Indexed alph. by defendant. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 14 x 4. 3 vols., 1880-1883, clerk's vt; 1 vol., 1883--, clerk's off.

58. DRAINAGE RECORD, CIRCUIT COURT, 1882--. 9 vols. (1-9).

Record of dispositions of petitions for ditches by court, showing nature of case, defendant, date and disposition. Indexed by property owner. 1882-1882, hdw; 1882--, typed. 500 pp. 18 x 14 x 3. 3 vols., 1882-1883, clerk's vt.; 1 vol., 1881--, clerk's off.

For other records, see entry 230.

59. PETITION FOR DRAINAGE, REPORTS OF ASSOCIATE FIELD AND ALLOWANCE. 1885--. 5 vols. (1-5).

Petition for drainages and report of assessors filed and allowed on the assessment, showing reports on assessments, value of land of people assessed, allowance on assessment, and names of persons affected by the drainage system. Indexed alph. by property owner. 1885-1885, hdw; 1885--, typed. 500 pp. 18 x 14 x 3. Clerk's vt.

60. TRANSCRIPTS TO BIND REAL ESTATE, 1880--. 11 vols. (1-11).

Real estate transcripts filed by clerk for the justice of peace, showing plaintiff, defendant, date, proceedings, fees and costs. Indexed alph. by plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. 1880-1889, hdw; 1889--, typed. 500 pp.





## Civil and Criminal Causes(continued)

20 x 14 x 3. 9 vols., 1850-1915, clerk's vt.; 2 vols., 1915--, clerk's off.

## 61. TRANSCRIPTS TO BIND REAL ESTATE, 1906--. 30 file boxes.

Contracts binding real estate, showing plaintiff, defendant, nature of case, proceeding, and signature of clerk. No index. 10 x 4 x 12. Clerk's vt.

## 62. INSANE RECORD, 1881--. 15 vols. (1-15).

Records of applications for examination for insanity, and acceptance of examination report, showing order of court, statement of physician, warrant of arrest, sheriff's return on commitment, order of discharge, and warrant for patient's return. Indexed alpha. by patient. Hdw. on printed form. 600 pp. 16 x 12 x 3. 11 vols., 1881-1932, clerk's vt.; 2 vols., 1932--, clerk's off.

## 63. RECORD OF PATIENTS, RILEY HOSPITAL, 1924--. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of patients admitted to Riley Hospital, showing date entered, name of patient, report on examination, age and address. Indexed alpha. by patient. Hdw. on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 14 x 4. Clerk's off.

## 64. RILEY HOSPITAL, 1932--. 25 file boxes.

Applications of patients for entrance to Riley Hospital from Madison County, showing name of patient, cause of illness, date, and physician. No index. 10 x 5 x 14. Clerk's off.

## 65. RECORD OF INQUESTS AS TO INSANITY, 1932--. 40 file boxes.

Inquest records of insanity cases, showing date, name of patient, cause, physician and report on examination. No index. 10 x 5 x 14. Clerk's off.





## Civil and Criminal Causes(cont'd)

## 66. EPILEPTIC RECORD, 1921--. 1 vol.

Record of epileptic cases admitted to the State hospital, showing name, date, report on examination, age, and relatives of patient. Indexed alpha. by patient. Hdw. 225 pp. 18 x 14 x 3. Clerk's off.

## 67. RECORD OF RECEIVERSHIP, 1914--. 1 vol.

Record of persons involved and action taken in receivership cases, showing name, date, action, amounts of cost, and receivership. Indexed alpha. by defendant. Hdw. on printed form. 150 pp. 18 x 16 x 2. Clerk's off.

Court Proceedings  
(See also entries 95-98, 101, 104-111)

## 68. ENTRY, ISSUE DOCKET AND FEE BOOK, CIRCUIT COURT, 1885-7. .

75 vols. (1-75).

Record of court cases, showing writs issued to sheriff, fees, receipts, entry docket, date, issue of court proceedings, nature of case, and witnesses. Indexed alpha. by plaintiff. Hdw. on printed form. 600 pp. 18 x 14 x 3. Clerk's vt.

## 69. ISSUE DOCKET, CIRCUIT COURT, 1880-1920. 27 vols. (1-27).

Record of attorneys in case, showing name of action taken, minutes of court, sheriff's fees, date, and clerks signature. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 600 pp. 18 x 14 x 2. Entrance rm., attic.

## 70. CRIMINAL ENTRY DOCKET, 1896--. 11 vols. (1-11).

Record of criminal cases, showing parties involved, attorney, prosecuting attorney, nature of indictment, date, fees, and proceedings. Indexed alpha. by defendant. Hdw. on printed form. 500 pp. 16 x 14 x 3. Clerk's vt.



## Court Proceedings(continued)

71-72. COURT DOCKET, CIRCUIT COURT, 1880--. 71 vols. (1-71).

Record of cases and minutes of the court, showing date, term, case no., attorney, date of trial, and proceedings. Arr. alpha. by defendant. Hdw. on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 14 x 3. 48 vols., 1880-1909, clerk's vt.; 22 vols., 1909-1935, court off.; 1 vol., 1936--, circuit court east ha.

73. COURT STATE DOCKET, 1900-12. 4 vols. (5,8-10). Vols. 1-4, 6-7, missing.

Record of State criminal court cases, showing defendant, case no., warrant no., nature of case, and fees. Arr. chrono. Hdw. on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 14 x 3. Clerk's vt.

74. ORDER BOOK, CIRCUIT COURT, CIVIL CASES, 1880--. 129 vols. (1-129).

Record of court proceedings, showing date, plaintiff, defendant, judicial day, month, term, and judge's signature. Indexed alpha. by plaintiff and defendant. 1880-1899, ndw; 1899--, typed. 600 pp. 18 x 14 x 3. 126 vols., 1880-1934, clerk's vt.; 3 vols., 1934--, circuit court's off.

75. JUDGMENT DOCKET, CIRCUIT COURT, 1880--. 36 vols. (1-36).

Record of judgments, showing date, parties, amount, cause, and receipts of satisfaction. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 290 pp. 18 x 14 x 3. Clerk's off.

76. GENERAL INDEX JUDGMENTS, CIRCUIT COURT, 1880--. 9 vols. (1-9).

General index, showing judgment, case no., order book, date, and no. of box. Indexed alpha. by plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 14 x 3. Clerk's off.



## Court Proceedings(continued)

## 77. COMPLETE RECORD, CIRCUIT COURT, 1853-1916. 5 vols. (3-11).

Vols. 1-2, missing.

Record of all cases, showing date, term, defendant, attorney, nature of case, and decision of court. Indexed alph. by defendant. 1853-1859, hdw.; 1860-1916, typed; 600 pp. 18 x 14 x 3. Clerk's vt.

For later records, see entry '74.

## Executions

(See also entry 112, 1451-182)

## 78. EXECUTION DOCKET, CIRCUIT COURT, 1831--. 15 vols. (1-15).

Record of executions, showing number, date of issuance, nature of writ, litigants, judgment and officers' returns. Indexed alph. by plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. on printed form. 600 pp. 18 x 18 x 3. 13 vols., 1831-1930, clerk's vt.; 2 vols., 1931--., clerk's off.

## 79. RECEIPT BOOK AND PRECIPUE, 1901--. 5 vols. (1-5).

Record of receipts and precipue for execution of judgment, showing date, plaintiff, defendant, no. of case, attorney and clerk's signature. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 150 pp. 16 x 14 x 2. Clerk's off.

## 80. LIS PENDENS RECORDS, CIRCUIT COURT, 1851--. 7 vols. (1-7).

Record of suits filed to prevent transfer or sale of real estate pending judgment on case, showing date, property, parties, when recorded, amount and satisfaction. Indexed alph. by property owner. Hdw. on printed form. 500 pp. 16 x 14 x 3. 6 vols., 1831-1930, clerk's vt.; 1 vol., 1930--., clerk's off.





Executions(continued)

81. REDEMPTION RECORDS, 1881-91. 1 vol.

Record of redeeming property after confiscation, showing parties, amount of judgment, nature of case, date, and when judgment is to paid. Indexed alph. by defendant. Hrw. 500 pp. 18 x 24 x 3. Clerk's vt.

For later record, see entry 74.

Probation Records  
(See also entry 101)

82. CASES PENDING, 1930-35. 1 filing drawer.

Record of cases to be tried, showing name of child, age, nature of case, parents and address. Arr. alph. by defendant. 12 x 10 x 24. Probation off.

83. DISPOSED OF CASES, 1926--. 1 filing drawer.

Record of concluded court cases, showing name of child, age, nature of case, case no., warrant no., parents, and address. Arr. alph. by defendant. 12 x 10 x 24. Probation off.

84. INDIANA SCHOOL FOR BOYS, 1926--. 1 filing drawer.

Record of all boys sent to Indiana school for boys, showing name, age, date, parents, and address. Arr. alpn. by defendants. 12 x 4 x 24. Probation off.

85. INDIANA SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, 1926--. 1 filing drawer.

Record of all girls sent to Indiana school for girls, showing name, age, date, in school or out, parents, and address. Arr. alpn. by defendant. 12 x 4 x 24. Probation off.

86. C. W. M. U. (T) HOME, 1921-35. 1 file drawer.

Record of boys and girls taken to welfare and detention home, showing name,



## Probation Records(continued)

age, in school or out, reason taken, parents and address. No index.

12 x 4 x 24. Probation off.

87. WHITE INSTITUTE, 1920--. 1 filing drawer.

Record of all children taken to this institute, showing name, age, reason taken, parents, and address. Arr. alph. by child. 12 x 4 x 24. Probation off.

Fee and Cash Records  
(See also entries 96-100)

88. FEE BOOK, CIRCUIT COURT, 1862-1905. 38 vols. (1-30, A-n).

Record of court fees, showing name, amount, date, and mileage. Indexed alph. by plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. on printed form. 200 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Clerk's vt.

For later records, see entry 63.

89. REGISTER OF FEES AND FUNDS HELD IN TRUST, 1911--. 1 vol. (9).

1-3, prior to 1911, missing.

Record of fees and funds, showing purpose of fund, to whom paid, from whom received, date, total disbursement, and fees paid to county. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 14 x 5. Clerk's vt.

## Probate Causes

90. WILL RECORD, 1870--. 9 vols. (1-9).

Record of last will of deceased persons, showing decedent, heirs, description and value of legacy, date, and witnesses. Indexed alph. by decedent. 1870-1899, Hdw.; 1900--, typed. 600 pp. 18 x 14 x 5. Clerk's vt.



Probate Causes(continued)

91. GUARDIANSHIPS, 1898-1932. 390 file boxes.

Legal papers of guardians, showing name of minor, age, date of application for letters of guardianship, deceased, and amount. No index. 5 x 5 x 10. Clerk's vt.

92. ESTATES SETTLED, 1898--. 570 file boxes.

Documents of estates settled in court, showing name, age, next relation to decedent, address, and amount of estate. No index. 5 x 5 x 10. Clerk's vt.

93. GENERAL INDEX OF GUARDIANSHIP AND ESTATES, 1911-1916, approx.,  
1 vol.

General index to guardianship docket, showing ward, guardian, book and page, no. Arr. alpha. Typed on printed form. 600 pp. 18 x 14 x 4. Clerk's off.

94. ADMINISTRATOR'S BOND, OATH AND LETTERS, 1880--. 8 vols. (1-8).

Record of administrator's bonds, showing administrator, amount and condition of bond, date, and signature of bondsman. Indexed alpha. by administrator. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 14 x 3. 8 vols., 1880-1934, clerk's vt.; 1 vol., 1935--., clerk's off.

Proceedings in Probate Causes  
(See also entries 66-77, 101, 104-111)

95. ESTATE ENTRY, CLAIM AND ALLOWANCE DOCKET AND FEE BOOK, 1880--.

25 vols. (0-24). 12 vols., (0-11), titled GENERAL ESTATE DOCKET.

Record of claims allowed against estates, showing date, amount, administrator or executor, claim no., claimant, and action taken. Indexed alpha. by name of estate. Hdw. on printed form. 400 pp. 13 x 18 x 3. 12 vols., 1880-





## Proceedings in Probate Cases (continued)

1922, clerk's vt.; 13 vols., 1922-1934, clerk's off.

96. GUARDIANSHIP DOCKET, 1880--. 10 vols. (1-10).

Record of guardians, showing date of letters, guardian, wards, sureties, date of settlement, proceeding, order book, complete record and letters and bonds. Indexed alph. by names of guardian. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 5. Clerk's off.

97. CLAIM DOCKET, STATE, 1897. 1 vol.

Record of miscellaneous law suits, showing date, nature of case, parties, amount of claim, case no. and fees. Indexed alph. by plaintiff. Hdw. on printed form. 200 pp. 18 x 14 x 3. Clerk's vt.

98. PROBATE ORDER BOOK, CIRCUIT COURT, 1880--. 60 vols. (1-60).

Record of settlements of estates, showing date, proceedings of court, parties, decree, judicial day, month, term, and signature of judge. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff and defendant. 1880-1899, hdw; 1900--, typed. 600 pp. 20 x 16 x 4. Clerk's vt.

Fees and Cash Records  
(See also entries 88-90)

99. REGISTER OF FEES, CIRCUIT COURT, 1895--. 5 vols. (1-5).

Record of fees, showing date, case no., parties, nature of case, and amount of fees. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on printed form. 600 pp. 16 x 14 x 3. 4 vols., 1895-1934, clerk's vt.; 1 vol., 1934--, clerk's off.

100. INHERITANCE TAX RECORD, 1913--. 4 vols. (1-4). 1 vol.,

Titled, Inheritance and Transfer Records.

Record of inheritance tax and taxable property, showing estate, value, date,





## Fee and Cash Records(continued)

heirs, relationship, exemptions, tax rate, amount, plaintiff and judge's signature. Indexed alph. by name of heirs. Hdw. on printed form. 600 pp. 18 x 14 x 4. Clerk's off.

For other records, see entry 100.

## Juvenile Proceedings

(See also entries, 80-71, 82-87, 98-99, 104-110)

## 101. JUVENILE COURT DOCKET, 1905--. 2 vols.

Record of juvenile cases, showing date, ~~name~~, action taken, case no., warrant no., nature of case, age of defendant, and fees. Indexed alph. by defendant. Hdw. on printed form. 500 pp. 14 x 10 x 3. Circuit court off.



The common pleas court was established by an act of 1852. (Acts 1852.) The judges were elected at regular elections for terms of four years. The inception date of this court in Madison County is 1853. Because of the inadequacies of this court, it was abolished by an act of 1873. The jurisdiction was transferred to the circuit court. (Acts 1873, Chap. 29, p. 37.)

The common pleas court had jurisdiction in matters relating to probate of wills; appointment of guardians for persons of unsound mind, and other disabilities, in matters relating to executors and administrators; in civil matters ranging from fifty to one thousand dollars except in cases of slander, libel, breach of marriage contract, and action on official bond, or where the title of real estate shall be in issue; and criminal jurisdiction in cases which are not felonies and which are not triable by a justice of the peace. (Acts 1851.)

Records destroyed by fire of 1861.































Deaths, 1944-1945, 1946-1947, 1948-1949.

111. *Deaths, 1944-1945, 1946-1947, 1948-1949.* (1-3).

Deaths by property and other factors, 1944-1945, 1946-1947, 1948-1949, cause of death, and other records. Indexed alph. by property and other factors. on printed form. 100 pr. 22 x 14 x 1. Recorder's record rm.

For sales records, see entry 114.

112. *Deaths, 1944-1945, 1946-1947, 1948-1949.* 1 vol.

Records of deaths for burial, 1944-1945, 1946-1947, 1948-1949, cause of death, and other records. Indexed alph. by cause of death, 1944-1945, 1946-1947, 1948-1949. 100 pr. 22 x 14 x 1. Recorder's record rm.

113. *Deaths, 1944-1945, 1946-1947, 1948-1949.* 1 vol.

Records of deaths for burial, 1944-1945, 1946-1947, 1948-1949, cause of death, and other records. Indexed alph. by cause of death. 100 pr. 22 x 14 x 1. Recorder's record rm.

For earlier records, see entry 114.

114. *Deaths, 1944-1945, 1946-1947, 1948-1949.* 1 vol. (1-3).

Records of deaths for burial, 1944-1945, 1946-1947, 1948-1949, cause of death, and other records. Indexed alph. by cause of death. 100 pr. 22 x 14 x 1. Recorder's record rm.

Deaths, 1944-1945, 1946-1947, 1948-1949.

Deaths, 1944-1945, 1946-1947, 1948-1949.

115. *Deaths, 1944-1945, 1946-1947, 1948-1949.* 1 vol. (1-3).



































The sheriff is a constitutional officer elected for a four-year period and is not eligible to hold office more than four years in any period of six years. He is a political officer, nominated by primary and elected in the regular election. He must give bond for five thousand dollars. (2 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Sec. 49-2501, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The inception date of this office in Madison County is 1828. All of the records of this office are located in the courthouse unless otherwise stated.

The sheriff arrests without process all persons who, within his view, commit any crime or misdemeanor, delivers them before a justice of the peace of Madison County and holds them in his custody until the cause of such arrest has been investigated; pursues and commits to jail all felons; and executes all process directed to him by legal authority. It is also his duty to protect persons in danger from mobs and possible lynchings. (2 Indiana Rev. Stat., 1852; Sec. 49-2502 to 49-2505, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

Executions and Reports  
(See also entries 76-81, 112)

143a. SHERIFF'S CIVIL DOCKET, CIRCUIT COURT, 1880--. 48 vols.  
(1-46).

Record of summons served by sheriff in civil cases, showing name, date served and returned, and fees. Indexed alpha. by name of defendant. Adv. on printed form. 500 pp. 16 x 14 x 4. 34 vols., 1880-1920, attic entrance rm.;





Executions and Reports (continued)

6 vols., 1920-26, clerk's off.; 3 vols., 1926--, circuit court off.

148b. SHERIFF'S CIVIL DOCKET, SUPERIOR COURT, 1895--. 20 vols. (1-20).

Record of summons served by sheriff, showing date, warrant no., nature of summons, and when served, and returned. No index. Bds. on printed form.

600 pp. 18 x 14 x 4. 11 vol., 1895-1910, attic entrance rm.; 3 vols., 1915-19, clerk's vt.; 6 vols., 1920--, circuit court off.

149. CIRCUIT COURT EXECUTION DOCKET, 1899--. 5 vols.

Record of executions on court judgment, showing notices, date, judgment no., kind of writ, parties, when issued and received, by whom received, date of damage, interest, costs, sheriff's cost, amount collected, date of return, and remarks. No index. Bds. 250 pp. 22 x 12 x 2. 4 vols., 1899-1933, attic, east rm.; 1 vol., 1935--, sheriff's off.

150. EXECUTION FOR RETURNS, 1933. 1 file box.

Executions ordered by court, showing warrant no., date, plaintiff and defendant, nature of case, time limit, and sheriff's return to court. No index. 10 x 22 x 4. Sheriff's off.

151. SUPERIOR COURT EXECUTION DOCKET, 1895--. 5 vols.

Record of executions on court judgment, showing date, judgment no., kind of writ, parties, when issued, and received, by whom received, date of damage, interest, court costs, sheriff's costs, amount collected, date of return, and remarks. No index. Bds. 250 pp. 22 x 12 x 2. 4 vols., 1895-1933, attic, east rm.; 1 vol., 1935--, sheriff's off.

152. REGISTER OF FOREIGN WRITS, 1871--. 5 vols.

Record of sheriff's foreign writs, to be executed, showing nature of writ,



## Executions and Reports (continued)

plaintiff and defendant, county court, term and date of appearance, when received, served and returned, sheriff's cost, and remarks. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff and defendant. Adv. 100 pp. 12 x 12 x 1 1/2. 3 vols., 1871-1901, attic, entrance rm; 2 vols., 1901--, sheriff's off.

## 153. REGISTER OF SHERIFF'S SALES, 1894-96. 1 vol.

Record of sales as ordered by the court, showing date, description of property, location of sale, amount to be sold, reason for sale, and sheriff's fees. No index. Adv. 180 pp. 12 x 14 x 2. Attic, entrance rm.

## 154. SHERIFF'S SALES FOR RETURNS, 1885. 1 file box.

Return statements on sales for judgments, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, date, description of property, and amount of judgment. No index. 10 x 22 x 4. Sheriff's off.

## 155. SALES PENDING, 1936. 1 file box.

List of sales pending settlement of judgment, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, date to be sold, description of property, and location of sale. No index. 10 x 22 x 4. Sheriff's off.

## 156. SALES INCOMPLETE, 1936. 1 file box.

List of incomplete sales, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, cause of judgment, date of sale, and reason for not completing sale. No index. 10 x 22 x 4. Sheriff's off.

## 157. SUMMONS-SERVED, 1936. 1 file box.

Duplicate copies of summons that have been served, showing no., date, names of plaintiff and defendant, and nature of case. No index. 10 x 22 x 4. Sheriff's off.



Executions and Reports(contained)

158. SUMMONS FOR RETURNS, 1958. 1 file box.

Record of returned summons, showing warrant no., date, names of plaintiff and defendant, and nature of case. No index. 10 x 22 x 4. Sheriff's off.

159. JAIL REGISTER, 1921--. 3 vols. (2-5, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of persons lodged in jail, showing name, address, age, a list of articles in their possessions, and time of arrest. No index. Adw. 320 pp. 22 x 14 x 3. Sheriff's off., county jail.

Fee and Cash Books

160. CASH BOOK, 1870--. 6 vols. 1870-78, titled Sheriff's Fee Book.

Record of sheriff's costs, and fees received, showing date, cause no., book or page, court, receipt no., from whom received, to whom paid, and nature of services. No index. Adw. 300 pp. 22 x 14 x 2. C.C., 4 vols., 1870-1900, attic, entrance rm; 2 vols., 1900--, sheriff's off., county jail.





The office of coroner was created by the Constitution of Indiana. He is elected at the regular election and serves a term of two years. There is no prohibition as to the number of times he can be re-elected. The coroner is required to post a five thousand dollar bond to insure the faithful performance of his duties. (Indiana Const. 1851, Art. 6, Sec. 2.) The office of coroner was in existence before 1851 by virtue of the Constitution of 1816. The inception date of this office in Madison County is 1823.

The coroner is required to investigate violent deaths and deaths by suspicious means. He performs the duties of the sheriff when the sheriff is absent or otherwise incapacitated from serving. (2 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1871, 1879 Special Session, and 1883; Secs. 49-2301 to 49-2315, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

181. RECORD OF DEATHS, 1917--. 2 vols.

Record of deaths, showing name of decedent, age, date of birth and death, cause, and date of inquest. Indexed alph. by name of decedent. H.M. 100 pp. 13 x 14 x 1 1/2. Coroner's off., Citizens Bank Bldg., Anderson, Ind.

For other records, see entry 254.

182. INQUEST PROCEEDINGS, 1894-95. 1 vol.

Record of inquests, showing name of deceased, date of birth and death, and cause. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. H.M. 400 pp. 15 x 15 x 1. C.C., Clerk's vt.









The auditor is a constitutional officer, elected for a four-year term, and entitled to hold office for not more than eight years in any period of twelve. The auditor is required to post bond in the amount of ten thousand dollars. (Indiana Const., Art. 6, Sec. 2; Sec. 49-5003, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The inception date of this office in Madison County is 1841. All of the records of this office are located in the courthouse unless otherwise stated.

The auditor is the clerk of the board of commissioners. He preserves the documents, books, records, maps, and papers deposited in his office; examines and settles all accounts and demands chargeable against Madison County; keeps an account current with the treasurer; acknowledges deeds and mortgages executed for the security of trust funds; issues pension certificates; institutes suits on behalf of trust funds; files records of poor relief and reports of charity cases; approves bonds of township trustees; advertises and sells bonds; delivers election supplies to election inspectors; prepares tax duplicates; verifies tax rates; issues tax deeds; acts as custodian of school funds; and accepts bequests for cemeteries. (1 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1879; Sec. 49-5004 to 49-5010, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

#### Audits and Reports

124, MONTHLY BALANCE RECORDS, 1920-25. 1 vol.

Record of receipts and disbursements in various funds, showing date, amount



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received, and disbursed, payer and payee, items, and balances. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 13 x 12 x 1. Auditor's main off.

For later records, see entry 165.

165. MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1964--. 1 vol.

Monthly recapitulations of county finances, showing date, payer or payee, amounts involved, totals for month, and balances. No index. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 14 x 3. Auditor's main off.

For earlier records, see entry 164.

166. FILE AND SETTLEMENTS, 1920--. 1 vol.

Settlement sheets of distribution for all county funds, showing date, title of fund, amount allotted and distributed, cause, balance and credits. No index. Hdw. 250 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Attic, east rm.

167. DOG FUND RECEIPTS, 1925-26. 1 vol.

Duplicate dog tax receipts, showing name and residence of owner, description of dog, date, and amount paid. No index. Hdw. 250 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Auditor's main off.

168. VALUE RECORD, 1907--. 1 vol.

Record of court cases transferred from the court of origin to neighboring counties, showing date, receipt no., title of cause, amount of cost, and fees accrued. Indexed alph. by name of defendants. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Auditor's main off.

Receipts and Disbursements

169. AUDITOR'S FEE AND CASH BOOK, 1941--. 10 vols. (1-10).



## Receipts and Disbursements (continued)

Record of service fees due and received by auditor, showing date paid, payor's name, amount, total collected and amount paid to treasurer. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 16 x 14 x 2. 7 vols., 1841-1916, attic east rm; 3 vols., 1916--. Auditor's vt.

## 170. REGISTER OF RECEIPTS, 1865--. 16 vols.

Record of moneys paid into auditor's office, showing date, nature of payment, amount, title of fund credited under special and county funds division, and ledger page. No index. 1865-1925, hdw; 1925--, typed. 800 pp. 18 x 14 x 4. 4 vols., 1865-95, attic east rm.; 12 vols., 1899--, auditor's main off.

## 171. APPROPRIATION AND DISBURSEMENT RECORDS, 1894--. 14 vols.

(1-10, and 4 vols. not numbered).

Record of funds appropriated and disbursed, showing titles and nos. of funds, amount appropriated, warrant no. and amount, cause of withdrawals, and balance. Arr. alph. by title of fund. Hdw. on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 14 x 5. 10 vols., 1894-1925, attic east rm; 3 vols., 1926-31, auditor's vt; 1 vol., 1934--, auditor's main off.

## 172. WARRANTS, 1916--. 27 vols. 1822-1925, missing.

Record of claims paid from county funds, showing date, title and no. of fund, payor, cause of payment, warrant no., and whether regular or special fund. No index. Typed on printed form. 1000 pp. 18 x 12 x 4. 13 vols., 1916-29, attic east rm., 14 vols., 1930--, auditor's vt.

## 173. TREASURER'S RECEIPTS, 1901-28. 30 file boxes.

Treasurer's receipts for money received from auditor, showing no. of receipt, amount, payor, total, and fund to be credited. No index. 10 x 16 x 4. Auditor's vt.







## Receipts and Disbursements (continued)

## 174. TAX RECEIPTS, 1908-33. 20 file boxes.

Duplicates of receipts issued to tax payors, showing date, payer, description and location of property, and amount. No index. 10 x 4 x 12. Auditor's vt.

## 175. TAXES REFUNDED, 1912-33. 1 vol.

Record of refunds on excess advance tax payments, showing date of refund, amount, reason for refund, and amount. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 13 x 18 x 1. Auditor's main off.

Taxes  
(See also entries 187-206)

## 176. TRANSFER BOOKS, 1853--. 500 vols.

Record of changes in ownership of real estate, showing name of original owner, description and location of real estate, value of lands and improvements, date of transfer, consideration, and grantor and grantee. Indexed alph. by name of grantees. Hdw. 120 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. Auditor's vt.

## 177. REGISTER OF ASSIGNMENT, 1907--. 1 vol. (2). Vol. 1, prior to 1907, missing.

Record of tax sale duplicates, showing date, no. of certificates, description of real estate, date of sale, and name of assignor and assignee. Indexed alph. by name of assignor and assignee. Hdw. on printed forms. 335 pp. 14 x 10 x 3. Auditor's vt.

## 178. ENROLLMENT, 1910. 18 vols.

Record of all males of voting age, in county, showing name, age, residence,



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color, precinct, ward, and township. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 80 pp.  
14 x 6 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Auditor's vt.

## Returns

170. MORTGAGE EXEMPTIONS, 1910--. 221 vols.

Record of petitions to have taxable tangibles exempt from tax because of mortgage incumbrance, showing date, name of owner, residence, description of property, amount of incumbrance and claimant's affidavit. Arr, alpha. by township and owner. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 14 x 10 x 4. 186 vols., 1910-30, attic, east rm., 55 vols., 1930--, auditor's vt..

## Lists

180. ASSESSOR'S BOOK, 1890--. 515 vols.

Record of property value assessments for taxing purposes, showing owners' address, taxing unit, description and location of property, and assessed value. Arr. alpha. by name of property owner. 1890-15, hdw.; 1910--, typed on printed form. 500 pp. 22 x 14 x 2. 581 vols., 1890-1930, attic east rm., 132 vols., 1932--, assessor's off.

181. ASSESSMENT LIST, 1890--. 2638 vols.

Record of real estate and personal property values for taxing purposes, showing names of owners, address, occupation, enumeration of property, improvements made since last assessment, and affidavit of property owner. Arr. alpha. by township and corporations. Hdw. 750 pp. 20 x 10 x 3. 1632 vols., 1890-1910, attic rm., rm; 142 vols., 1910-22, attic, second rm.; 450 vols., 1922-27, attic, first rm.; 400 vols., 1928-31, attic, east rm.; 331 vols., 1932--, assessor's off.



Taxes (continued)

Assessors Plat Books

102. ASSESSOR PLAT BOOK, 1907--. 75 vols.

Twp. plats and maps, showing description of land by twp., section, and range, acreage and name and residence of owner. Arr. alpn. by twp. Map. 75 pp. 15 x 12 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Auditor's vt.

Delinquent and Erroneous

103. ~~DELINQUENT ASSESSMENTS~~ 1905--. 2 file drawers.

Certificates of property assessments found to be erroneous or omitted, showing name of claimant, residence, description of property, assessed and true value, overcharge or omission, and location of property. No index. 4 x 5 x 50. Auditor's off.

104. REGISTER OF TAX SALES, 1911--. 19 vols. (1-19).

Record of land sales to satisfy delinquent tax claims, showing date, delinquent taxes with interest, costs and fees, description of property, owners name. Indexed alpn. by name of purchaser. 1911-78, hwn; 1979--, typed. 250 pp. 18 x 14 x 3. Auditor's vt.

For tax title deeds, see entry 113.

School Funds  
(See also entry 151)

105. RECORD OF CONDITION AND DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOOL FUNDS, 1919-21.

1 vol.

Record of balances and surplus in school funds, showing last balance, receipts and





## School Fund (continued)

disbursements since, mortgages outstanding, auditor, and mortgages. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagor. Hlw. 401 pp. 18 x 14 x 3. Auditor's main rm.

136. RECORD OF SCHOOL FUND MORTGAGES, 1864--. 5 vols. Title varies. Record, showing date of loan, record no., page, amount, interest, date, and amount due, receipt no., payable and amount of principal and interest, and description and value of property mortgaged. No index. Hlw. 300 pp. 18 x 14 x 3. 2 vols., 1864-1865, attic, east rm; 3 vols., 1865--., auditor's off.

137. SCHOOL FUND MORTGAGE RECORDS, 1898-1909. 1 vol. Record, showing date of mortgage, description and location of property by acreage, twp., section, and range, amount of mortgages, rate of interest, and dates of payments of principal and interest. Arr. alph. by names of mortgagor. Hlw. 600 pp. 18 x 14 x 4. Auditor's off.

138. (SCHOOL FUND MORTGAGES AND MORTGAGE EXEMPTION), 1924--. 12 file boxes.

Original mortgage papers left with auditor, showing mortgagor, amount, and description and location of lands. No index. 12 x 50 x 12. Auditor's off.

139. SCHOOL FUND RECORDS, 1926-27. 1 vol.

Record of contracts and amounts paid from school funds, showing names of schools and funds, amount paid out, cause for payment, and signatures of school board members. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagor. Hlw. 800 pp. 18 x 14 x 4. Auditor's main off.

For earlier and later records, see entry 136.





## School Funds (continued)

## 180. INVENTORY OF LOANS, 1830-1893. 1 vol.

Inventory of school fund loans, showing date, title of fund, amounts of loans by funds, paid and unpaid amounts of principal and interest, totals, and balances by funds. No index. H.W. 250 pp. 18 x 14 x 2. Little, east ma.

Official and School Funds  
(See also entries 32-36)

## 181. MISCELLANEOUS BOND RECORD, 1825--. 1 vol.

Record of bonds issued for construction of public buildings, and bonds of county school officials, showing name of official and office, amount, stipulations and life of bond, sureties, and attest. Arr. alph. by title of bonds. Typed. 600 pp. 20 x 14 x 4. Auditor's off.

## 192. TRUSTEE BONDS, 1800-1924. 1 vol.

Record of bonds posted by twp. trustees, showing date, name of trustee, oath of office, amount and life of bond, sureties and attest. Indexed alph. by trustee's names. H.W. 400 pp. 18 x 14 x 3. Auditor's off.

## Maps

## 193. MADISON COUNTY, 1835. 1 map.

Political map, showing twps., cities, districts, plats, lots, rivers, railroads, interurban lines, roads and highways. Drawn by Paul W. Phelps. Published at Anderson, Ind. Printed, black and white. No scale given. 34 x 55. Auditor's vt.



Map(continued)

104. ANDERSON, I.D. 1 map.

Political map, showing wards, precincts, streets, alleys, additions, and lot nos. Drawn by R. F. Lyatt, R. O. Black, H. F. Margrave and L. K. Sanders. Published at Anderson, Ind. Black and white. No scale given. 72 x 96. Auditor's off.



The office of county assessor was created by an Act of 1891. The officer is nominated in the primary and elected at the regular election for a four-year term, there being no prohibition against successive terms in office. Qualifications are established by law; he must have been a continuous freeholder of Madison County for not less than four years prior to the date of his election, and he must provide a five thousand dollar bond, with two or more good freehold sureties approved by the auditor, who also administers the oath of office. The inception date of this office in Madison County is 1891. All of the records of this office are located in the courthouse unless otherwise stated.

His duties are to assess omitted real and personal property and inheritances, to appraise each school plant, to instruct the township assessors, to carry out the orders of the State tax board, and to act as president of Madison County board of review. The statutes direct that he shall be subject to the orders and directions of the State board of tax commissioners. (Acts 1891, 1919; Sec. 64-1102, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

135. TAXABLE INTANGIBLE APPRAISEMENT, 1933--. 3 vols.

Record of appraisements of intangible property, showing owner's name, address, description, face value, value by owner, value by county assessor, value by tax board, computation of tax, total tax, and assessor's signature. Indexed alph. by name of owner. Hds. 150 pgs. 18 x 10 x 2. Assessor's off.





196. LAND AND TAX ROLLS, 1900-21. 2 file drawers.

Figures pertaining to value of estate and amount of taxes assessed year to year, showing name of owner, school no., name of school, taxes, value of personal and real property, gross value of estate, deductions, net value, name of heirs, relationship to deceased, amount of interest, exemption, amount of tax, dates schedule filed, amount of penalty, description of real property, location, and signature of assessor. No index. 8 x 22 x 30. Assessor's off.

For other records, see entry 100.

197. ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS, 1920-24. 4 vols. (2, and 3 vols. numbered 1).

Record of improvements made on assessed property since assessment list was prepared, and increase in assessment, showing name of property owner, address, location of improvements and appraised value, name of owner and of assessor. Indexed alph. by name of owner. Hdw. 150 pp. 20 x 10 x 3. Little, east rm.

198. OMITTED PROPERTY, 1926--. 100 vols. (1-100).

Record of assessments on property omitted from regular assessment list, showing name of property owner, address, amount of assessment, and date. No index. Hdw. 50 pp. 4 x 4 x 1/2. Assessor's off.

199. OMITTED PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS, 1922--. 2 file drawers.

Assessments on property omitted from regular assessment list, showing year, name of property owner, location of property, signature of assessor, school no., and date. No index. 8 x 22 x 30. Assessor's off.

200. MINUTE BOOK ON OMITTED TAXES (INDEX), 1919-30. 2 vols.

Index to omitted property tax book, showing name of property owner, address,



vol. and page no. in omitted property, value, assessment, date, and evidence of omission. Arr. alph. by name of property owner. 1900. 222 pp. 16 x 14 x 2. Assessor's off.

201. RECORD OMITTED PROPERTY (INDEX), not dated. 2 vols.

Index to omitted property assessments, showing name of property owner, address, date, file drawer, and page no. in omitted property assessment. Arr. alph. by name of property owner. Arr. on printed form. 190 pp. 13 x 10 x 1. Assessor's off.

202. ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENTS, 1922--. 2 file drawers.

Record of erroneous assessments which have been corrected, showing year of assessment, name of property owner, location of property, amount of erroneous assessment, amount of tax, reference to original schedule no., and assessor's signature. No index. 16 x 22 x 50. Assessor's off.

203. CERTIFICATE OF ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENTS, 1922--. 75 vols. (1-75).

Record of corrected assessments of property originally incorrectly assessed, showing name of property owner, address, date, original assessment, and corrected assessment. No index. Arr. 30 pp. 4 x 4 x 1. Assessor's off.

204. RECORD OF ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENTS, (INDEX), not dated. 2 vols.

Index to entry 203, showing name of property owner, address, date, file drawer, and page no. Arr. alph. by name of owner. Arr. 150 pp. 16 x 10 x 1. Assessor's off.

205. MORTGAGE MEMORANDUM, 1922--. 2 file drawers.

Record of mortgages in Madison County, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, addresses, vol. and page no. where mortgage is recorded, amount of mortgage, location and description of property, and name and address of assignor. No index. 8 x 22 x 50. Assessor's off.



206. SUPERVISOR INFORMATION REPORTS, 1912--. 1 file folders.

Record of returns of additional assessments, similar copy of report, details of assessment, name of property owner, and amount added to original assessment. No index. 8 x 22 x 30. Assessor's off.

207. CORRESPONDENCE AFFIDAVITS, 1912--. 2 file boxes.

Correspondence of assessor's office, and tax notices. No index. 8 x 22 x 30. Assessor's off.

### Maps

208. ANDERSON, INDIANA, 1928. 1 map.

Political map of Anderson, showing taxation districts. Drawn by R. T. Hyatt. Published at Indianapolis, Indiana. Printed and framed. No scale given. 48 x 48. Assessor's off.

209. MADISON COUNTY, 1928. 1 map.

Historical map of Madison County, showing historical and current data for the county. Drawn by Paul W. Phipps. Published at Anderson, Ind. Printed and framed. No scale given. 24 x 42. Assessor's off.





Madison County has an annual board for the review of assessments and the equalization of the valuation of real and personal property. The board is composed of the assessor, treasurer, auditor, and two freeholders of opposite political parties, appointed by the judge of the circuit court. The assessor is the president, and the auditor is the secretary of the board. (Acts 1919; Code. 61-1901 to 61-1905, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The inception date of this board in Madison County is 1931. All of the records of this office are located in the courthouse unless otherwise stated.

From 1881 to 1891 the duties of reviewing and equalizing tax assessments were performed by a county board of equalization consisting of the county commissioners and four freeholders appointed by the circuit judge. (Acts 1881, Ch. 93, p. 611.) The law of 1891 superseded this act and created the county board of review, composed of the treasurer, assessor, and auditor. (Acts 1891.) The acts of 1919 reestablished the board, adding the two freeholder appointments to its membership.

It is the duty of the board to make changes in the valuation of the property in the township or any taxing unit within the township, and to determine the rate percent to be added or deducted in order to make an equitable equalization of taxes throughout the county. The board also has the power, in proper cases, to correct the valuation of any particular tract or lot. (Acts 1919, *Ibid.*)

If the board shall find the assessments too high or too low or unequal, it may set aside the assessment of the whole county, or township, or taxing unit therein, and order a new assessment. (Acts 1919, *Ibid.*)





## ART. XXV. BOARD OF TAX ADJUSTMENT.

The board of tax adjustment of Madison County consists of two members of the county council selected by the council, and six members appointed by the judge of the circuit courts. The appointments must have the following qualifications: one shall be a township trustee; one shall be a mayor or president of the board of trustees of an incorporated town; one shall be a member of the city board of education; and three shall be resident freeholders of the county at large, not holding any public office. No more than four of the members of the board shall belong to the same political party. (Acts 1908; Supp. Ch. 304, Gen. Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The inception date of this board in Madison County is 1908. All of the records of this office are located in the courthouse unless otherwise stated.

It is the duty of the board to examine, and if it deems necessary, revise, change, or reduce, but not increase, any tax levy and any corresponding items of the budget on which the tax levies are based, and apportion the total of all of the levies so that the total levy on property within any municipal corporation for which the property therein is taxable, shall not exceed the total rate as provided by law. (Ind.)

No records could be found.



In Madison County, since the county treasurer is ex-officio treasurer of Anderson, the county clerk, and is ex-officio treasurer of the school city or board of school commissioners of Anderson, the county board of finance consists of the board of county commissioners, the mayor, controller, and the chief executive officer of the school city or the board of school commissioners of Anderson. (Acts 1907; Sec. 43-1215, 43-6701, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The inception date of this office in Madison County is 1907. All of the records of this office are located in the courthouse unless otherwise stated.

The county board of finance has charge of and controls the funds of the county, the funds of Anderson, and the funds of Anderson school city. (Acts 1907; Sec. 61-607, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

The board of finance selects the depositories for Madison County funds. It approves the purchase of U. S. government bonds or other interest-bearing obligations of U. S. Government. It invites proposals to receive public funds on deposit, receives proposals, and creates and revises depositories. (Acts 1907, 1908, 1931; Sec. 61-610 to 61-615, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

The General Assembly of 1935 repealed the act establishing this board, and in the same session in the "Depository Act of 1935", reestablished the board of finance practically unaltered (Acts 1935; Sec. 61-606, 61-607, 61-608 to 61-609).

#### 210. RECORD, COUNTY BOARD FINANCE, 1907--. 2 vol.

Record of trust companies seeking to be made depositories for county funds, showing name of company, address, and date of application. No index. Gov. on printed form. 425 pp. 16 x 16 x 3. Auditor's off.



## 111. RECORD OF DEPOSITORY BONDS, 1892-93. 1 vol.

Record of bonds given by depositories of county funds, showing name of depository, date, amount of bond, name of surety company, and signature of the president of the depository. No index. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 18 x 3. Attic.





## Treasurer

The treasurer is a constitutional officer elected for a term of two years and is not eligible to serve more than four years in any period of six years. He is nominated in the primary and elected in the regular election. He is required to execute his official bond of not less than the amount of money which may come into his hands at any time during the term. (Indiana Const., Art. 6, Sec. 1; Secs. 43-5101, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The inception date of this office in Madison County is 1823. All of the records of this office are located in the courthouse unless otherwise stated.

The treasurer receives all money coming to Madison County and disburses the same on the proper orders. He keeps the books and cash books and makes quarterly reports to the auditor. At the expiration of his term of office he gives a sworn statement to the auditor showing specifically the amount of fees collected, and deposits with the auditor all orders redeemed. He makes a monthly statement to the treasurer of State, collects property and toll taxes and State license fees, and diverts to the State the proceeds from the sale of estates when the heirs are unknown. (Indiana Const., Art. 6, Sec. 1; 1 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1863; Secs. 43-5103 to 43-5117, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

## Tax Collections

212-JS. TAX DUPLICATES AND CERTIFICATES, 1941--. 603 vols.

(Annual sets, 1-3).

Records of assessments and charges, showing value of land, 1840, 1841, and



### 213. Collection (continued)

Improvement, date, total volume, and date of order of property assessed. Arr. alph. by name of city or town. Hdw. 300 pp. 30 x 18 x 4. 32 vols., 1888-- , treasurer's off.; 40 vols., 1888-89, attic; 124 vols., 1918-30, entrance rm. 1; 153 vols., 1900-1918, east rm.; 353 vols., 1882-1900, nw. rm.; 59 vols., 1911-30, attic.

### 214. DIRECTOR'S TAXES COLLECTED, 1885-- . 97 vols.

Prior to 1885, missing.

Register of taxes collected, showing date, tax duplicate no., total tax collected, distribution of taxes collected, name of payer, and date. Arr. alph. by town or city. Hdw. on printed form. 640 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 9 vols., 1885-99, middle east rm.; 6 vols., 1899-1909, attic, nw. rm.; 16 vols., 1903-15, attic, east entrance rm.; 46 vols., 1915-27, nw. rm.; 5 vols., 1927-30, east rm.; 15 vols., 1930-- , treasurer's off. rm. 1.

### 215. DUPLICATE TAX RECEIPT BOOKS, 1910-75. 1771 vols.

Record of persons paying taxes, showing amount of tax, date, and receipt no. Hdw. on printed form. 130 pp. 10 x 5 x 2. 152 vols., 1934-35, treasurer's off.; 157 vols., 1901-34, south rm., attic; 1177 vols., 1915-31, east rm., attic; 309 vols., 1910-15, nw. rm., attic.

### 216. ABSTRACT OF DELINQUENT TAXES, 1883-31. 1 vol.

Record of years and duplicate nos., total delinquent tax, penalty, delinquency tax, owner, and address. Arr. alph. by name of town or city. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 20 x 18 x 2. Treasurer's off.



Tax Collection (continued)

217. INSOLVENCY RECORDS, 1891--. 3 vols.

Insolvency tax records, showing tax payers, duplicate nos., description or address, amount of delinquency, whole years tax dropped, and taxes restored to current duplicates. Arr. alph. by names of townships and cities. Hdw. on printed form. 600 pp. 16 x 16 x 3. 1 vol., treasurer's off.; 3 vols., Mr. M. attic.

Public Improvements

218. DITCH TAX COLLECTION, 1886--. 3 vols. (1-3).

Prior to 1888, missing.

Record of receipts for taxes collected on ditches, showing names, description, assessment, interest, payable date, cash payments, dates of payments, and receipt no. Arr. alph. by name of ditch. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 16 x 2. Treasurer's off.

219. DITCH DUPLICATE (REPAIRS AND CONSTRUCTION), 1917--. 1 vol.

Record of construction and repair of ditches, showing name of owner, description of lands assessed, assessment amounts, dates of payments, amounts delinquent, penalty and interest, and total amount delinquent. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 400 pp. 16 x 14 x 2. Treasurer's off.

220. DITCH AND BROOK RECORD AND DITCH CHECK BOOK, 1891--.

2 vols.

Ditch record, showing date, duplicate no., tax payer, receipts, and deposits. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 100 pp. 16 x 16 x 1. Treasurer's off.



## Receipts and disbursements

221. TREASURER'S DAILY LIST OF DEPOSITS AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1914--. 13 vols. Prior to 1914, missing.

Record of daily receipts, showing depositories, dates, cash receipts, disbursements, and balance. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 320 pp. 13 x 12 x 2. 1 vol., 1914--; treasurer's off.; 3 vols., 1924-34, entrance rm. attic; 9 vols., 1914-26, east rm. attic.

222. MONTHLY FINANCIAL RECORDS, 1903--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Vol. 1, missing.

Record of monthly receipts, showing total receipts, funds disbursed to date, disbursed for month, total disbursed, balance, and overdrafts. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 150 pp. 24 x 16 x 1. Treasurer's off.

223. REGISTER OF RECEIPTS, 1892--. 6 vols. (1-2, and 4 vols. not numbered.)

Record of receipt of funds, showing amount of fund posted, date of issue, and to whom issued. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 80 pp. 13 x 12 x 1. 5 vols., 1892-1933, treasurer's vt.; 1 vol., 1930--; treasurer's off.

224. RECEIPTS OF SPECIAL FUNDS, 1927--. 1 vol. (2).

Vol. 1, prior to 1927, missing.

Record of money paid out of special funds, showing date, no. of receipt, from whom received, and account. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 15 x 14 x 2. Treasurer's off.





## Receipts and Disbursements (continued)

225. TREASURER'S LEDGER OF RECEIPTS, APPROPRIATIONS  
AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1895--. 9 vols.

Record of receipts, appropriations and disbursements, showing receipt no., source, amount of receipt, fund, bond revenue, inheritance tax, date, warrant no., amount, balance, and overdraft. Arr. alph. by name of tax. Hdw. 150 pp. 16 x 14 x 1. 1 vol., 1895-97, treasurer's vt.; 7 vols., 1898-1933, treasurer's attic rm.; 1 vol., 1933--, treasurer's off.

## 226. REGISTER OF WARRANTS DEPOSITARY BALANCE, 1915--. 9 vols.

Register of warrants and depositories, showing date, warrant no., amount, redemption date, and depository. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 320 pp. 16 x 14 x 2. 7 vols., 1915-31, treasurer's attic rm.; 2 vols., 1931--, treasurer's off.

## 227. REGISTER OF WARRANTS DRAIN, 1915--. 15 vols.

Register of warrants, showing date, no. of order, to whom issued, nature of claim, total orders redeemed, and type of trade. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 600 pp. 16 x 16 x 3. 14 vols., 1915-34, treasurer's vt.; 1 vol., 1935--, treasurer's off.

## 228. DUPLICATE TAX RECEIPTS, 1933--. 7 file boxes.

Duplicate tax receipts, showing no., amount, to whom paid, and signature. No index. 30 x 11 x 6. Treasurer's off.



## Maps

229. MADISON COUNTY, 1935. 1 map.

Political and land tenure map, showing townships, roads, towns, railroads, and property divisions by owners. Drawn by Paul W. Phipps, Anderson, Ind. No scale given. 72 x 33. Treasurer's off.

250. ANDERSON, INDIANA, 1928--. 1 map.

Political and communication map, showing streets, railways, city blocks, and larger ditches. Drawn by R. V. Hyatt, Anderson, Ind. No scale given. 84 x 84. Treasurer's off.



## XVII BOARD OF EDUCATION

By an act of 1873, a county board of education was created. The board is comprised of the county superintendent of schools, the township trustees of the county, and chairman of the school trustees of each city and town of the county. The inception date of this board in Madison County is 1873. All of the records of this office are located in the courthouse unless otherwise stated.

The duties of the board shall be to consider the general wants and needs of the school and matters relating to purchase of school furniture, books, maps, charts, etc. (Acts 1873; Sec. 28-801, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

## 231. RECORD OF SCHOOL FUND BONDS, 1916-17. 1 vol.

Record of meetings of school trustees and of their bonds for handling school fund loans, showing names of bonded persons, names of bondsmen, date of bond, and expiration date of bond. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. Hdw. 250 pp. 18 x 14 x 2. Auditor's off.

## 252. INSTITUTE INSTRUCTORS AND COUNTY AGENT CONTRACTS, 1904-33. 2 letter files.

Record of county agents' appointments, showing name of agent, name of president of Purdue University, date of meeting of agent with county board of education, attendance record at the meeting, date of meeting of the agent with State board of education, and attendance record at the meeting. No index. 16 x 14 x 4. School superintendent's off.





## LVIII SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

In 1873, by legislative enactment, the office of county superintendent of schools was created. This officer is elected by the township trustees and serves for a term of four years. The candidate must have had five years of successful experience as a teacher in the public schools, and at the time of his election he must hold a superintendent's license. He must give bond for five thousand dollars. (Acts 1873; Sec. 28-702, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933). The inception date of this office in Madison County is 1873. All of the records of this <sup>office</sup> are located in the courthouse unless otherwise stated.

The superintendent exercises general supervision of the schools of Madison County. He visits schools while they are in session, conducts teacher's institutes, and calls meetings of teachers of Madison County schools once each month in the school year. He makes out the basis of apportionment of school revenues from the enumeration. He presides over the county board of education and receives applications for school aid relief. (Acts 1933; Sec. 28-901 to 28-911, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933).

### Activities and Reports

233. STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL (REPORTS), 1916--. 1 file drawer. Reports on county's indebtedness for school necessities, showing name of creditor, amount of order or warrant, outstanding bonds, interest rate on order or warrant, interest rate on bonds, and remarks. No index. 12 x 18 x 24. School superintendent's off.



## Activities and Reports (continued)

## 234. ANNUAL REPORT OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, 1916--. 1 file drawer.

Annual reports of elementary schools in the county by principal of the school, showing location, name of school superintendent, name of principal, address, name of twp. school trustee, address, present classification of school, name of each teacher, grade or subjects taught, no. of pupils, special license no., kind and grade of license, date of expiration of license, years of experience, success grade, weeks of training, institution attended and date, total salary, and months under contract. No index.

12 x 12 x 24. School superintendent's off.

## 235. HIGH SCHOOL REPORTS, 1904-33. 1 file box.

Reports of principals of high schools in the county to State department of public instruction, showing subject, no. of credits given in subject, and attendance. No index. 16 x 14 x 4. School superintendent's off.

## 236. MONTHLY REPORT (TEACHERS'), 1916--. 1 file box.

Reports made each month by school teachers to the school superintendent, showing no. of pupils, name of pupil, age, grade, days present, days absent, subjects taken, monthly grade, average grade, and cause of absence given by parent. No index. 5 x 12 x 24. School superintendent's off.

Enumeration

## 237. SCHOOL ENUMERATION, 1915-32. 14 vols.

Record of enumeration of children of 21 years or under, showing name of child, address, and age. Arr. alph. by name of child. Wm. on printed form. 300 pp. 12 x 8 x 1. School superintendent's off.



Activities and Reports--Enumeration(continued)

## 238. SCHOOL CENSUS, 1916--. 7 file drawer.

Record of census of children of school age, showing name of pupil, address, name of parent or guardian, ward, district, congressional twp., color, age, whether pupil is employed or in school, signature of enumerator, and signature of parent or guardian. No index. 6 x 6 x 24. School superintendent's off.

Teachers

## 239. TEACHER'S APPLICATIONS, 1916--. 1 file box.

Applications filed by teacher for position in county schools, showing name of applicant, subjects applicant can teach, qualifications of applicant, and references. No index. 3 x 12 x 24. School superintendent's off.

## 240. RECORD OF TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS, 1919-26. 2 vols.

Record of examination of teachers, showing name of teacher, date, grade in examination, and kind of examination. Indexed alph. by name of teacher. Edw. on printed form. 180 pp. 14 x 10 x 1½. School superintendent's off.

## 241. TEACHERS RECORD, 1916--. 1 file box.

Record of all teachers in county, showing name of teacher, present address, permanent address, high school attended, date of graduation, units of training, and kind of license. No index. 3 x 12 x 24. School superintendent's off.





Activities and Reports(continued)

Pupils

242. ATTENDANCE RECORD, 1935--. 1 vol.

Record of school attendance in Madison County, showing twp., attendance at kindergarten, attendance of postgraduates, attendance of all others, grand total of attendance, no. of teachers not teaching prior to 1935-36, abandoned school houses, and new school houses. Indexed alph. by type of subject matter and thoroughness by semester. Edw. 300 pp. 12 x 22 x 1 1/2. School superintendent's off.

243. ATTENDANCE RECORD, 1933--. 1 file drawer.

Record of attendance and truancy from schools, showing no. of pupils, name of each pupil, age, grade, days present, days absent, subjects taken, monthly grade, cause of absence as given by parent, no. of pupils in each class, and percentage attendance of each class. Arr. alph. by name of pupils. 12 x 12 x 20. School superintendent's off.

244. RECORD OF COMMON SCHOOL GRADUATES, 1933--. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of pupils graduating from common schools, showing name of pupil, age, date of birth, date of graduation, twp., name of school, and grade percentage. Indexed alph. by name of pupil. Edw. on printed form. 200 pp. 12 x 12 x 2. School superintendent's off.

245. HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT SHEETS, 1933--. 4 file drawers.

Record of credits given pupils, showing pupil's name, date of birth, place of birth, name of parent or guardian, address, schools pupil attended, credits given, date pupil entered, date left, cause of withdrawal, grade school attended, scholarship, and attendance record. No index. 14 x 17 x 2 1/2. School superintendent's off.





Activities and Reports--Pupil (continued)

246. HIGH SCHOOL AND GRADE SCHOOL INSPECTION, 1904-23. 1 file box.  
Record of inspection of Madison County schools by State department of public instruction, showing name of school, inspection no., ratings of teaching staff, supervision and administration, furnishing and equipment, records and reports, promotion and graduation, program of studies, buildings and grounds and signature of inspector. No index. 16 x 14 x 4. School superintendent's off.

247. REPORT TO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SECOND SEMI-ANNUAL EXAMINATION, 1907--. 10 vols.  
Record of examinations of pupils in Madison County schools, showing name of pupil, date of birth, date of examination, and grade. No index. Adv. on printed form. 300 pgs. 18 x 14 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ . School superintendent's off.

248. REQUEST FOR RECORD OF BIRTH, (SCHOOL TRANSFERS), 1916--. 1 file drawer.  
Transcripts of birth certificates in schools transfers, showing name of pupil, address, father's full name, mother's maiden name, child's birthplace, date of birth, school last attended, grade completed, color, sex, and signature of child. No index. 12 x 12 x 24. School superintendent's off.

249. OFFICE RECORD AGE CERTIFICATE, 1916--. 1 file box.  
Record of ages of school children, showing name of child, name of father, name of mother, child's birthplace, date of birth, school last attended, grade completed, color, sex, signature of child, date issued, and name of issuing agent. No index. 5 x 12 x 24. School superintendent's off.



## Maps

250. MADISON COUNTY, 1928. 1 map.

Historical and political map of Madison County, showing historical and current facts of the county. Drawn by Paul W. Phipps. Published at Anderson, Ind. Printed, black and white, and framed. no scale given. 30.x 30. School superintendent's off.



## III. HEALTH COMMISSIONER

By legislative enactment in 1891, the office of health commissioner was created. This officer is elected by the county commissioners for a term of four years. The inception date of the records in this office in Madison County is 1882. From 1882 to 1891, the records were kept by the county board of health composed of the township trustees, a mayor, the common council of each city in the county, and the board of county commissioners. After the establishment of the health commissioner the board was abolished.

It is the duty of this officer to safeguard the health and to promote sanitary systems for the citizens of the county. He is also required to study and check contagious diseases in the various communities, wherever and whenever possible, and advise and counsel various persons interested in the control of diseases. He is required to maintain records of births, deaths, marriages, make dairy inspections, food inspections, and hold examinations of pupils in the various schools of Madison County at regular intervals. (Acts 1891; Sec. 35-103, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

251. HEALTH COMMISSIONER, 1910--. 1 vol.

Record of cases handled by health commissioner, showing name of patient, date, address, cause, and summary of case. No index. H&W. 500 pp. 13 x 14 x 3. Health commissioner's off., rm. 415, 106 N. and Meridian Sts., Anderson, Ind.





252. RECORDS OF BIRTHS, 1903--. 3 vols. 1901-1903, missing.

Record of all births in Madison County, showing name of child, name of father, maiden name of mother, name of doctor, and date. Indexed alph. by name of parent. Hdw. on printed form. 150 pp. 24 x 12 x 1. Health commissioner's off., rm. 415, 10th and Meridian Sts., Anderson, Ind.

253. DANGEROUS DISEASES, 1911--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of contagious diseases, showing name of patient, address, date of quarantine, and name of doctor in charge. Indexed alph. by name of patient. Hdw. on printed form. 100 pp. 24 x 12 x 1. Health commissioner's off., rm. 415, 10th and Meridian Sts., Anderson, Ind.

254. RECORDS OF DEATHS IN COUNTY, 1907--. 6 vols.

Record of deaths in the county, showing name of deceased, date of death, cause, age of deceased, and survivors. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Hdw. on printed form. 150 pp. 24 x 12 x 1. Health commissioner's off., rm. 415, 10th and Meridian Sts., Anderson, Ind.

For other records, see entry 161.



## XX BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

The board of public welfare of Madison County consists of five persons having a recognized interest in and knowledge of the problems of public welfare. The board is appointed by the judge of the circuit court; at least two members must be women and not more than three members may be adherents of any one political party. (Acts 1936, Sec. 52-1116, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The inception date of this board in Madison County is 1936. All of the records of this office are located in courthouse unless otherwise stated.

Subject to the rules and regulations of the State department of public welfare, the county board is charged with the administration of assistance to dependent children in their own homes, old age assistance, services and assistance to persons otherwise handicapped, the care and treatment of dependent, neglected, and handicapped children, children in danger of becoming delinquent, and other welfare activities as may be delegated to it by the State department of public welfare, under the provisions of the act, including services connected with assistance to the blind.

The director, who is appointed by the board of public welfare of Madison County under the supervision of the circuit court, performs the functions of probation officer and agent of the court. (Acts 1936; Sec. 52-1119, 52-1120, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

A board of childrens' guardians, which was established in 1889 to care for neglected children, was abolished by the 1936 act and jurisdiction was transferred to the board of public welfare (Acts 1936; Sec. 52-1121, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933).



All jurisdiction vested in county boards pertaining to welfare work was transferred to the board of public welfare in 1936 (Act 1936; Sec. 52-1405, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1935).

255. APPLICATION FOR OLD AGE PENSION, 1936--. 1 file drawer.

Applications for old age pensions, showing application no., race of applicant, address, name of husband or wife, no. of children, children's occupation, property owned by applicant or spouse, and mortgages, whether applicant has transferred property to children recently, assessed value of children's property, debts of children, details of employment of children or grandchildren, reasons why children cannot support parents, signature of applicant and children, and notary's seal and signature. Arr. numerically by application no. 16 x 16 x 36. Board of public welfare off.

256. OLD AGE PENSION, 1934--. 4 vols.

Record of receipts of old age pension payments, showing name of applicant, age, address, warrant no., and amount of pension. No index. Typed. 2000 pp. 18 x 12 x 4. Auditor's vt.

For other records, see entry 116.

257. APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE BLIND, 1936--. 1 file drawer.

Applications for assistance to the blind, showing name of applicant, sex, race, address including township, date of birth, birthplace, and application no. Arr. numerically by application no. 16 x 16 x 36. Board of public welfare off.





## XXI SURVEYOR

The county surveyor is a constitutional officer, nominated by primary and elected in the general election for two years. He may be re-elected indefinitely. He must give bond in a sum fixed by the board of county commissioners. (Indiana Const., Art. 6, Sec. 2; 1 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Sec. 49-3301, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The inception date of this office in Madison County is 1813. All of the records of this office are located in the courthouse unless otherwise stated.

The surveyor performs all duties which are required for public improvements, including the preparation of plans and specifications, general supervision of all bridges, turnpikes, roads, ditches, drains, acknowledgments of mortgages and deeds for the conveyance of real estate. He removes, after examination, the obstruction of any streams, (1 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1873; 1895, 1901, 1911, 1925, and 1933; Sec. 36-1110, 49-3308 to 49-3317, 49-3319 to 49-3322, and 49-3527 to 49-3528, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

## Surveys and Reports

258. FIELD NOTES, U. S. SURVEY, MADISON CO, 1819-35. 1 vol.  
Record of field notes of U. S. surveys, showing name of field surveyor, date, notes on drainage, and topography of land surveyed. No index. Adv.  
Condition fair. 370 pp. 20 x 10 x 1 1/2. Surveyor's off.

259. FIELD BOOK; 1893--. 242 vols. (1-242).  
Field notes of surveys of Madison County, showing name of worker, date,





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place, time spent, and notes on survey. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 8 x 4 x 1. 52 vols., 1886-1910, surveyor's record rm., no. 1; 190 vols., 1910--, surveyor's record rm., no. 2.

For earlier records, see entry no. 89.

260. DRAINAGE RECORDS, 1860-31. 1 vol.

Record of drainage and ditches, showing name of drainage system, location, date, and length of drains. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 9 x 14 x 2. Surveyor's record rm. 1.

For other records, see entry 58.

261. (DITCH SURVEYS), 1850-34. 2 vols.

Record of ditches and drainage, showing name of ditch, name of drainage system, location, date, length of ditch, name of person in charge of construction, and remarks or other details. No index. Hdw. Condition poor. 312 pp. 20 x 10 x 1. Surveyor's off.

262. DITCH REPAIR RECORD, 1900-34. 4 vols. (1-4). Title varies.

Record of ditch, drainage repair, and construction, showing name of ditch, location, date repaired, type of repair, time spent in repair, costs, and names of workers. Indexed alph. by location of ditch. Hdw. 300 pp. 22 x 14 x 3. Surveyor's off.

263. INVOICES, NOTICES OF DITCH ASSESSMENTS, 1901-14. 1 vol.

Newspaper clippings of notices of ditch assessments, showing date, name of ditch, and amount of assessment. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 20 x 10 x 2. Surveyor's off.



Surveys and Reports(continued)

264. MINUTE BOOK ( TO RECORDS), 1844-66. 1 vol.

Guide to records in surveyor's off., showing date of survey of parties, date filed, description of title and land surveyed, and fee. Indexed alph. by name of parties. Adm. 550 pp. 20 x 12 x 1 1/2. Surveyor's off.

Fee and Cash Record

265. LEDGER, 1900-26. 1 vol.

Record of fees collected by surveyor, showing date, from whom collected, for what service, amount of fee, and total fees collected. Adm. 300 pp. 18 x 10 x 2. Surveyor's record rm. 1.

Construction Plans and Specifications

266. SYLVESTER BRIDGE, 1929. 2 plans.

Blueprints of plans and specifications for Sylvester Bridge. Hamilton and Madison Counties. Drawn by Daniel B. Luton. Published at Indianapolis, Ind. Blueprint. Scale varies. 24 x 48. Attic rm. 1.

267. ALFONZO BRIDGE, 1927-29. 3 blueprints.

Profile plan of the Alfonso bridge. Drawn by Daniel B. Luton. Published at Indianapolis, Ind. Blueprint. Scale, 3/8" to 1'. 24 x 48. Attic rm. 1.

268. CORN CRIB FOR COUNTY FARM, not dated. 1 blueprint.

Plans and specifications for corn crib to be built on Madison County Farm. Drawn by Ernest A. Watkins. Published at Anderson, Ind. Blueprint. Scale, 1/4" to 1'. 30 x 48. Attic rm. 1.



## XXII HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR

The county highway system was, at one time, administered by the superintendent of highways who was appointed by the county commissioners for a term of four years, and some records bear his name and title. This office was established in 1913, and abolished March 1, 1933; and the powers and duties given to the surveyor (Acts 1913, 1933, Sec. 36-1113, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933). In order to provide for necessary supervision in counties warranting more attention than the surveyor can give, the board of county commissioners has the right to employ any person other than the surveyor as supervisor of county highways, and such officer is called the highway supervisor (Acts 1933; Sec. 36-1110, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933). The board of commissioners of Madison County has appointed a separate highway supervisor. The inception date of this office in Madison County is 1933. All of the records of this office are located in the courthouse.

The highway supervisor has general supervision of the repair of all highways, bridges, and culverts of the county. It is his duty to see that the mail routes are kept open. He must attend the annual road school at Purdue University. (Acts 1933; Sec. 36-1101 to 36-1109, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

269. MADISON CO. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT LEDGER, 1895--. 1 vol.

Record of costs of repairs to gravel roads, showing name of road, date repaired, amount of gravel used, amount of labor, time spent in repair, and total cost of repairs. No index. 11x. 300 pp. 14 x 12 x 4.

Highway supervisor's off.

270. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, 1913--. 7 file boxes.

Reports from commissioners on repairs made to roads in their respective





districts, showing name of commissioner, date of report, work accomplished, material used, material needed, name of supervisor, and signature of commissioner. No index. Hdw. 14 x 12 x 4. Highway supervisor's off.

271. CO. HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR'S EMERGENCY PURCHASE ORDER BOOK, 1916--.

13 file boxes.

Record of emergency purchases made by Highway Supervisor on his own authority, showing date, type of material purchased, amount purchased, amount paid, order no., and signature of the district commissioner.

No index. 14 x 12 x 4. Highway supervisor's off.

272. INVOICES, 1916--. 10 file boxes.

Letters regarding dispatch of material for gravel roads, showing date, price of material, amount purchased, kind of material, and name of contracting company. No index. 14 x 12 x 4. Highway supervisor's off.

273. STUBS AND CANCELED CHECKS, 1916--. 7 file boxes.

Canceled checks and check-stubs for payment of road repairs, showing name of company paid, date, amount paid, check no., and highway supervisor's signature. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 14 x 12 x 4.

Highway supervisor's off.



### III AGRICULTURAL AGENT

The office of county (agricultural) agent was created by legislative enactment in 1913. The act provides that this office shall come into existence only when twenty or more residents of a county who are actively interested in agriculture and domestic science, shall file a petition with the county board of education. The petition is then presented to the county council, which provides appropriations for a salary and expenses for the maintenance of this office. The board of education then applies to Purdue University for the appointment of a county (agricultural) agent whose appointment is made annually. The board of education then ratifies the appointment made by Purdue. The inception date of this office in Madison is 1913. All of the records of this office are located in the courthouse unless otherwise stated.

It is the duty of the county (agricultural) agent under the supervision of Purdue University, to cooperate with movements for the advancement of agriculture, to give advice to farmers, and aid the county superintendent of schools in giving practical education in agriculture and domestic science (Acts 1912, 1927, and 1931; Sec. 23-4311, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933). By an act of 1931, the office of home demonstration agent, which is supplemental to that of county agent, was created (Acts 1931; Sec. 23-5627, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933).

274. ANNUAL NARRATIVE REPORTS, 1928--. 1 file drawer.

Reports of agricultural agent, showing minutes of meetings of 4H club, names of officers of club, and miscellaneous information on the agent's business. No index. 12 x 12 x 24. Agricultural agent's off., 11th and Jackson, St., Anderson, Ind.



## 275. COUNTY AGENT, 1935--. 1 file drawer.

Papers and correspondence of the agricultural agent, comprising miscellaneous reports, monthly reports, circular letters, program work, and project outlines. No index. 12 x 12 x 24. Agricultural agent's off., 11th and Jackson Sts., Anderson, Ind.

## 276. AGRICULTURE EXTENSION MATERIAL, 1935--. Same as entry 275.

Publicity material on agricultural topics, consisting of lecture reports, slides to illustrate lectures, motion picture films, and radio scripts. No index. 12 x 12 x 24. Agricultural agent's off., 11th and Jackson Sts., Anderson, Ind.

## 277. COUNTY APPROPRIATION, 1934--. Same as entry 275.

Record of appropriations from county funds to reimburse agent for services rendered, showing amount of appropriation, date of appropriation, agent's name, and date received. No index. 12 x 12 x 24. Agricultural agent's off., 11th and Jackson Sts., Anderson, Ind.

## 278. HOME ECONOMICS, 1935--. 1 file drawer.

Instructions for care and management of the home, and the science of household management. No index. 12 x 12 x 24. Agricultural agent's off., 11th and Jackson Sts., Anderson, Ind.

## 279. SHOWS EXHIBITS, 1935--. Same as entry 275.

List of exhibits at annual county fair and corn show, held at Anderson, with reports on exhibits. No index. 12 x 12 x 24. Agricultural agent's off., 11th and Jackson Sts., Anderson, Ind.

## 280. FAIR EXHIBITS, 1935--. 1 file drawer.

Record of exhibits from the county at the county and State fairs, showing type of exhibit, name of exhibitor, premiums awarded, and amount of premium. No index. 12 x 12 x 24. Agricultural agent's off., 11th and Jackson Sts., Anderson, Ind.





281. STATE FAIR, 1935--. Same as entry 274.

Record of all entries, exhibits, and premiums won at the State fair, showing names of exhibitors or owners of entries, names of premium winners, and amount of premium. No index. 12 x 12 x 24. Agricultural agent's off., 11th and Jackson Sts., Anderson, Ind.

282. CHILDREN, 1935--. Same as entry 274.

Record of prizes won in children's entries at State fair and 4H club contests, showing name of child, rank of prize, and amount of premium. No index. 12 x 12 x 24. Agricultural agent's off., 11th and Jackson Sts., Anderson, Ind.

#### Home Demonstration Agent

283. ADMINISTRATION, 1935--. 1 file drawer.

Record of Home Economics Club, showing pledges, songs, purposes of club, news writings, games, plays and entertainments, handy book, and leadership outlines. No index. 12 x 12 x 24. Home demonstration agent's off., 11th and Jackson Sts., Anderson, Ind.

284. HOME ECONOMICS CLUB ORGANIZATION (CORRESPONDENCE), 1935--.

1 file drawer.

Letters urging attendance at meetings of Home Economics Club. No index. 12 x 12 x 24. Home demonstration agent's off., 11th and Jackson Sts., Anderson, Ind.

285. ENROLLMENT AND REPORTS, 1935. Same as entry 283.

Enrollment and reports of 4H club, showing names of officer, reports on pig, lamb, colt, beef, dairy, crop, poultry, food, clothing, and health projects; final reports, and future program. No index. 12 x 12 x 24. Home demonstration agent's off., 11th and Jackson Sts., Anderson, Ind.





Home Demonstration Association

286. FINAL REPORT, 1935--. Same as entry 285.

Final annual reports of Home Economics Club, 1935. No index. 12 x 12 x 24.

Home demonstration agent's off., 11th and Jackson Sts., Anderson, Ind.

287. FINANCIAL HELPS FROM COMMERCIAL FIRMS, 1935--. Same as entry 281.

Record of donations from commercial firms for home economics demonstrations, showing name of firm, date, and amount donated. No index. 12 x 12 x 24.

Home demonstration agent's off., 11th and Jackson Sts., Anderson, Ind.

288. COUNTY COUNCIL (of Home Economics Club), 1935--. Same as entry 284.

Minutes of meetings of county council of Home Economics Club, showing planned projects for the club. No index. 12 x 12 x 24. Home demonstration agent's off., 11th and Jackson Sts., Anderson, Ind.

289. CONFERENCES (County Agent), 1935--. Same as entry 284.

Minutes of board meetings and all meetings of county agent. No index. 12 x 12 x 24. Home demonstration agent's off., 11th and Jackson Sts., Anderson, Ind.

290. PUBLICITY (Home Economics Club), 1935--. Same as entry 284.

Report of publicity of the Home Economics Club. No index. 12 x 12 x 24. Home demonstration agent's off., 11th and Jackson Sts., Anderson, Ind.

291. LETTERS FOR MEETINGS, 1935--. Same as entry 281.

Letters informing Home Economics Club of dates of meetings and meeting-places. No index. 12 x 12 x 24. Home demonstration agent's off., 11th and Jackson Sts., Anderson, Ind.



Home Demonstration (continued)

292. NEWS CLIPPINGS, 1935--. Same as entry 291.

Newspaper clippings of articles by county agent and club leaders, and bulletins of canning demonstrations. No index. 12 x 12 x 24. Home demonstration agent's off., 11th and Jackson Sts., Anderson, Ind.

293. ADULT CANNING CONTEST, 1936. Same as entry 294.

Record of canning contest of Home Economics Club, showing entries, name of owner, and prize won. No index. 12 x 12 x 24. Home demonstration agent's off., 11th and Jackson, Anderson, Ind.

294. CONTESTS - ADULTS, 1936. Same as entry 294.

Record of entries in adult contests, showing type of contest, entry, owner, prizes awarded, and description of prizes. No index. 12 x 12 x 24. Home demonstration agent's off., 11th and Jackson Sts., Anderson, Ind.

295. CONTEST, 1935--. Same as entry 274.

Record of demonstration contests, showing entries, owners, prizes, and prizes awarded. No index. 12 x 12 x 24. Home demonstration agent's off., 11th and Jackson Sts., Anderson, Ind.

296. STATE FAIR--ADULTS' HOME ECONOMICS, 1936. Same as entry 284.

Record of Madison County home economics exhibit, showing exhibit, name of exhibitor, and prizes awarded. No index. 12 x 12 x 24. Home demonstration agent's off., 11th and Jackson Sts., Anderson, Ind.

297. FERTILIZATION, 1935--. 1 file folders.

Institution and suggestions for cultivation of land, and solutions to other farming problems. No index. Edw. and typed. 12 x 12 x 24. Home demonstration agent's off., 11th and Jackson Sts., Anderson, Ind.



Home Demonstration (continued)

298. TOURS, 1934---. Same as entry 284.

Reports on tours thru commercial places. No index. 18 x 12 x 24. Home demonstration agent's off., 11th and Jackson Sts., Anderson, Ind.

4-H Club

299. 4-H CLUB ENROLLMENT, 1934---. Same as entry 274.

Enrollment list of 4-H Club, showing names of members, addresses, and ages. No index. 12 x 12 x 24. Agricultural agent's off., 11th and Jackson Sts., Anderson, Ind.

300. 4-H CLUB WORK, 1935---. Same as entry 275.

Record of 4H Club activities, showing activities of State club office, general home economics group, leader, meetings, Madison County rural youth, young adult club, training school, Purdue round-up, judging and demonstrating contests, health contests, agriculture contests, Pivonis Jr. camp projects, trips; rules, instructions, special awards, and achievements. No index. 12 x 12 x 24. Agricultural agent's off., 11th and Jackson Sts., Anderson, Ind.

301. 4-H CLUB EXHIBITS-ENTRIES, 1934-35. Same as entry 274.

Record of entries in 4H club exhibits and contests at fairs, showing name of entry, name of owner, and prizes won. No index. 12 x 12 x 24. Agricultural agent's off., 11th and Jackson Sts., Anderson, Ind.

302. BILLS, 1935---. 1 file drawer.

Bills for expenses of 4H club, showing date, type of article, quantity, and amount due. No index. 12 x 12 x 24. Home demonstration agent's off., 11th and Jackson Sts., Anderson, Ind.

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